

Merry Christmas

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(By Carl Barkow)

Palm Springs has never been more Christmasy than it is this holiday season. There are more Christmas decorations on streets and in stores and homes, thanks to the campaign started by the Lions Club. By starting early next year, Palm Canyon Drive can be converted into a Santa Claus Lane that would equal anything Hollywood has to offer. That is the very thing several local Lions have set out to do.

Another Palm Springs home was saddened this week by the passing of a beautiful soul—artist, musician, mother—who followed her artist husband by only a few months to that other shore where they need never part. They had so much in common that we who remain in this vale of tears can only think of them as two great lover artists reunited again where they can enjoy forever their pictures and music. To the two orphaned little girls, Palm Springs should make up as much as it can, what the parents would have done, had they lived.

This brings to mind a suggestion made to this newspaper recently by a husband whose wife had just been laid to rest: "Whenever we have a funeral here, why can't we pass the word to those who have loved ones buried in the local cemetery, to get the surplus floral pieces from the church or home and place them on the graves?" That is a good suggestion, and should be remembered. Bouquets and flowers with long stems are welcomed by hospitals, but the made-up pieces are only suitable for the purpose for which they were made.

Tonight and tomorrow, in every church and in most of the homes, from pulpits and radios, will come the joyful words, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Man."

Thank heaven, we still have peace in America, but war clouds are gathering on the horizon. The exchange of messages this week by President Roosevelt and Alfred Landon indicate the leaders of the two major political parties fear that war is impending and that the nation must be united in preparation for such a catastrophe. They are ready to forget party politics, just as the national leaders did in 1917.

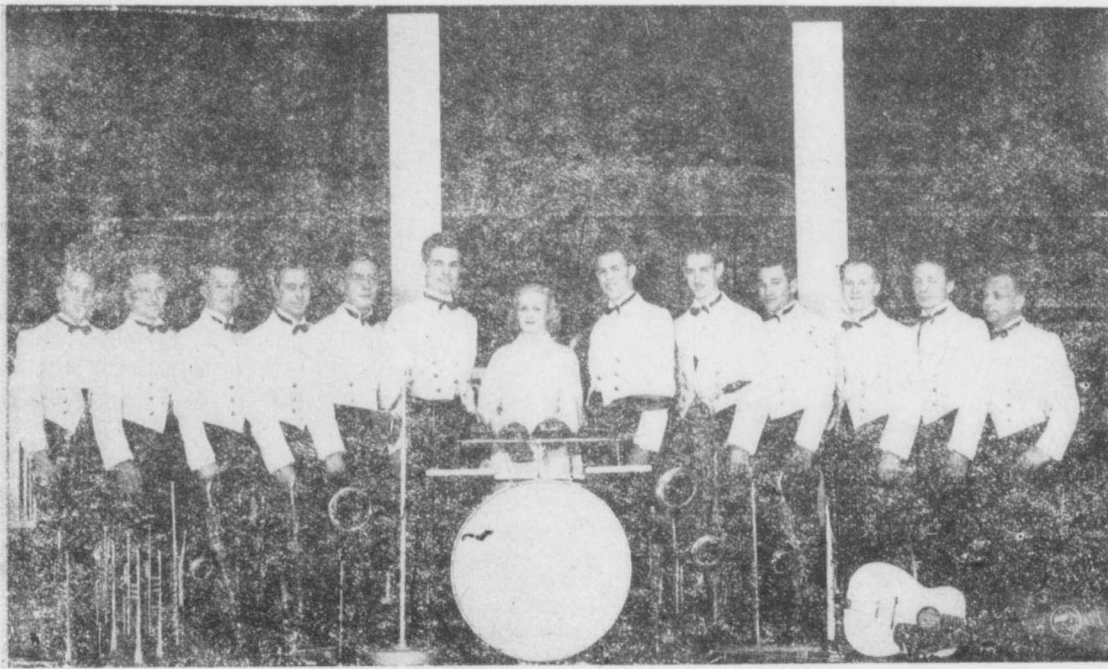
But, we wonder, if the leaders in Washington who desire to give Japan the punishment she deserves, are going to fully consider just how serious the consequences might become.

True, our citizens and investments in foreign countries should be protected. True, Japan had no right to invade China and probably should have been stopped when she first took over Manchukuo. True, she deserves a severe spanking for the ruthless sinking of American and British ships and the slaughter of non-combatants. True, America and Britain will lose much of their Asiatic trade if Japan is permitted to pursue unchecked her war of conquest. Notwithstanding all these facts, a war at this time might cost America more than all the foreign trade and national honor she has ever had.

Let's go back to the start of the World War. A radical youth in Serbia assassinated the grand duke of Austria. Austria then did practically what Japan is doing now—she attempted to punish little Serbia—and Russia,

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To Play for Firemen's Ball



Hal Brown's Orchestra from Pasadena, that will play at the Fireman's Ball of the Palm Springs Fire Department, to be held at the Palm Springs School Auditorium, Saturday night, January 15, 1938. The dance will start at 8:30. Several of the men in the band are members of the Pasadena Fire Department.

Police Capture Robber of 3 Homes

Three of Palm Springs' finest homes were entered by a sneak thief this week, but the alleged thief was soon captured by local police, thus maintaining the department's hundred per cent record, for every bugler who has attempted to pursue his nefarious profession in Palm Springs during the past two years has been captured and lodged in jail by Chief of Police Lloyd Boller and his officers.

The capture of the latest prisoner, again was a very clever example of crime detection. Among the loot taken from one of the robbed homes was a radio. While driving near the Indian reservation yesterday afternoon at 4:30, Officer Chet Cutler heard the sound of an excellent radio in a small shack. Just in case it might be the stolen instrument, he stopped to investigate, and found the stolen instrument.

He arrested the man inside, John Frederic De Pew, age 22, and took him to the police station. Officers report DePew confessed to the burglary of the three homes and returned part of the loot. All the homes were unoccupied at the time.

The homes burglarized were the S. K. Rindge home at the corner of San Jacinto Way and Baristo Road, the D. J. Carson house in the Bush tract east of the school house, and the Reynolds home in Merita Vista. The burglar jimmied windows and entered in that manner. The burglaries occurred on December 20 and 21.

Hearing for Major Edwards In Riverside Yesterday; Still Confined in Hospital

Major J. Paulding Edwards, who was arrested in Palm Springs last Friday on charges of insanity, had his hearing in Riverside yesterday, and is still confined in the psychopathic ward of the Riverside county hospital.

Edwards came to the village a few weeks ago and started the Desert Transport, Ltd., and had leased the Desert Forge building on South Palm Canyon Drive from Glenn McKinney, where he planned to establish a fine night club. All this he had done on credit and by the issuance of checks that had the returning qualities of the homing pigeon.

A short time back the Major signed a complaint against Manuel Petrosky, his chauffeur, charging him with driving one of the company's cars without the owner's consent. Petrosky was sent to jail on Wednesday of last

2 Women Killed, 2 Men Injured, in Auto Crash

Two prominent Palm Springs women were killed and two local men were seriously injured in an automobile accident Sunday evening on the highway about five miles northwest of town.

Dr. Agnes E. Hansen, 52, was instantly killed, and Mrs. Gertrude Coutts, 42, widow of the world-famous artist, Gordon Coutts, died Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Reid hospital as the result of the accident.

Jack Schurch, 33, talented young local artist, is in the Reid hospital, suffering from a compound fracture of the skull, concussion of the brain, a deep gash on the top of his head, four broken ribs, and numerous cuts and bruises on the face and body. He will recover. I. N. Oistad, resident and caretaker in the building owned by Dr. Hansen and her niece, Miss Evelyn Clarke, near the junction of South Palm Canyon Drive and Indian avenue, is at his home, having broken ribs, a broken nose, and cuts in the face.

Mrs. Coutts and Artist Schurch were returning from Banning Sunday evening, accompanied by Sir John Lavery, noted English painter, his grand-daughter, the Honorable Anne Forbes-Semphill; and his secretary, Miss Katherine Fitzgerald. Mr. Schurch, who was driving the car, (Continued on Page Five)

Tobacco Road At the Plaza New Years Eve

Does Palm Springs want the latest and best stage plays?

The test will be next Friday evening, New Year's Eve, when "Tobacco Road" will be presented at the Plaza Theatre for two performances, beginning at 8:30 and 11:15 o'clock.

This is probably the greatest stage play of the past five years and the most discussed play in theatrical history. The production is brought here at tremendous cost, and if the public response is satisfactory, other great plays will be brought here by Manager Earle Strebe.

John Barton, noted dramatic and vaudeville star, heads the company which also includes such prominent Broadway players as Florence Gerald, Patricia Quinn, Pitt Herbert, Kay Thorne, William Bishop, Sandra Johnson, Dick Lee, Lillian Ardell, Rhett Townes and Walter Ayers.

Community Xmas Tree Is Success

Approximately 750 presents were distributed by Santa Claus at the Community Christmas Tree yesterday afternoon, which was sponsored by the Palm Springs Community church and other cooperating organizations.

At 2:00 o'clock Santa arrived in his plane at the local airport, coming directly to the village from his home at the North Pole; and he was met by the old stage coach from Rogers' Stables, which transported him into the village.

A Christmas parade, led by the trumpeter from Bil-Al's Hawaiian Village, and followed by Little Bear and her six heralds from McDonald's Stables, escorted Santa Claus in the stage coach through the town.

Santa paraded down Palm Canyon Drive from El Paseo building to the Plaza and back to the golf club. There he distributed gifts to the children of the community.

Mrs. C. S. Henderson headed the committee in charge of this annual affair, sponsored by the Community church and made possible by the unselfish efforts and donations of various local organizations and individuals.

It was a beautifully decorated Christmas spirit that greeted Santa yesterday as he rode down Palm Canyon Drive in the stage coach, followed by crowds of children, both young and old. This year, as never before, Palm Springs has dressed up for Christmas. For this, much credit should be given to the local Lions Club and its

Biggest Gymkhana of the Season Next Sunday Dec. 26

With the ever increasing popularity of the Sunday Gymkhana at the Field Club, preparations have been made by Travis Rogers for this Sunday's show, which promises to be one of the year's best events. Special care has been taken to have the cowboys enter in one class and the dudes in another, so the competition for the dudes will be only among themselves.

The first event will be a three-gaited class for ladies on western horses. This class will be judged according to the performance of the rider at a walk, trot and canter only. Ladies will wear western costumes. Winner will receive 10 points.

The second event is a cow-horse race of one eighth mile. There will be prize money of \$5.00 plus \$2.50 added entrance fee. The pot will be split 60-40 and the winner will get 10 points and second place will get 5 points. This is certain to be a particularly interesting race because Bert Gardner with his horse, "Ship Agent," is entering against Johnny Vance, Les Vance, Johnny Gardner, and Jimmy Leacock, who all think they have the horses that can beat him in an eighth of a mile race.



Third event will be a musical chair race, the first for dudes and a second one for cowboys. The dudes will receive 10 points for the winner and the cowboys 5 points. Each class will get \$2.50 for first place only.

The fourth event will be a half mile relay race with a prize of \$10.00 and \$2.50 entrance fee added, and the pot will be split 60-40. Points will be 15 for first place and 10 for second. This is a three horse relay and the cowboys must use one dude saddle with latigo and cinch and change to each horse. All entrants are to see Tex Miller at Smoke Tree Stables.

The fifth event will be a potato (Continued On Page Sixteen)

Dilworth Tells About Radical Assembly

The Lions Club yesterday heard Assemblyman Nelson Dilworth tell about some of the radical legislation which radical assemblies from the cities of California attempted to foist upon the people of the state. He also recounted some of his early experiences in the Coachella Valley. His first visit to Palm Springs was in August, 1902, there being only one white person living in the village at that time.

Mr. Dilworth handled the Palm Springs bills on the floor of the Assembly to enable this community to incorporate as a municipality, if it chooses so to do.

An account was given of the unsuccessful fight to prevent the billboard companies from passing a law to force their billboards on any community with permits issued at Sacramento. Fortunately this bill was vetoed by (Continued on Page Three)

Christmas campaign among the merchants.

The huge Christmas tree at the Desert Golf Club was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Rubidoux Motor Company of Riverside recently opened a branch in the Plaza. A complete display of 1938 model Cadillacs, La Salles and and

More Signatures Needed for Incorporation; Petition at Post Office Daily, 2 to 4

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and of the Committee for Incorporation of Palm Springs recently checked the signatures to the petition now being circulated. It appeared that nearly all of the resident property owners have already affixed their signatures. In fact, enough of them so that the requirement that the petition be signed by property owners representing twenty-five per cent of the value of the land included within the proposed boundaries has been complied with.

Almost without exception those living in Palm Springs, realizing the necessity for local administration of government have availed themselves of the opportunity to sign the petition.

But there are so many non-resident owners of individual properties who either have not been in Palm Springs since the circulation of the petition was begun, or who are unfamiliar with the difficulties of the present method of conducting civic affairs, and the necessities and advantages of incorporation, that it is desirable that those who have signed the petition and all others who are interested shall use every effort to obtain signatures of such non-residents whenever they are in the community, and that those who are residents here and may not have signed the petition as yet, shall do so at once. For, in addition to the requirement that twenty-five per cent of the value of the property shall be represented, it is

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England's Chief Hotel Owner Is Guest Here

Friend Skyes, one of England's leading hotel owners, and proprietor of three of London's finest hotels, is paying Palm Springs a visit and is stopping at the Desert Inn. He is in America to study hotels and was not too impressed until he came to the west coast which he considers to have the finest hotels in the world, especially those of Southern California.

He plans to come back each winter and thinks that thousands of Englishmen will do likewise, especially when two-day air service will connect America with England.

He thinks the better hotels have a special mission to perform in pleasing their guests from other countries in order that a better understanding may be had between them.

Mr. Skyes has two brothers in London who are managing their hotels. He is chairman of the company.

The "fly in the ointment" as he sees it, is that he can't find a good cup of tea in this country and will be glad to get back to dear old London so that he may indulge in the English national pastime more to his liking.

However, he does say that American coffee is "tops" and attributes the good tea of England to the several hundred tea tasters who bring water from the locality where the tea is to be sold and boil it so that a special blend might be developed for each large city, all of which may be a good idea for Palm Springs. . . . get a special tea blend for the famous Englishmen who have learned to love the desert.

Christmas Eve Wedding For Local Couple

Miss Mildred Cutler, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cutler of Palm Springs, tonight at midnight will become the bride of Mr. Hollis Hale, manager of the Amado Coffee Shop.

Miss Cutler has resided in Yuma, Arizona, for the past four or five years before coming to Palm Springs two months ago to take up her residence here. Her father, Chester Cutler, is a well known member of the Palm Springs police department.

The Christmas Eve wedding will take place at China Seas, a popular oriental cafe on North Palm Canyon Drive.

The happy couple will make their home in the village.

THE VOICE OF MAIN STREET

The president of the New York Stock Exchange recently observed that in the past, when prices of securities declined, the public tended to place the blame upon the marketplaces themselves—rather than upon the real cause of the drop.

To a large extent, this is still true today. It is a very human and understandable reaction—for the very conspicuousness and drama of the securities markets make it difficult for the poorly informed to realize that prices respond only to the public's own estimate of values, whether these estimates be right or wrong. Nothing could be freer than a modern security exchange. There is no price-fixing. Wall Street has no controlling voice in bid and offer prices. Instead, the residents of a thousand Main Streets, scattered over the 48 states, determine each day's quotations.

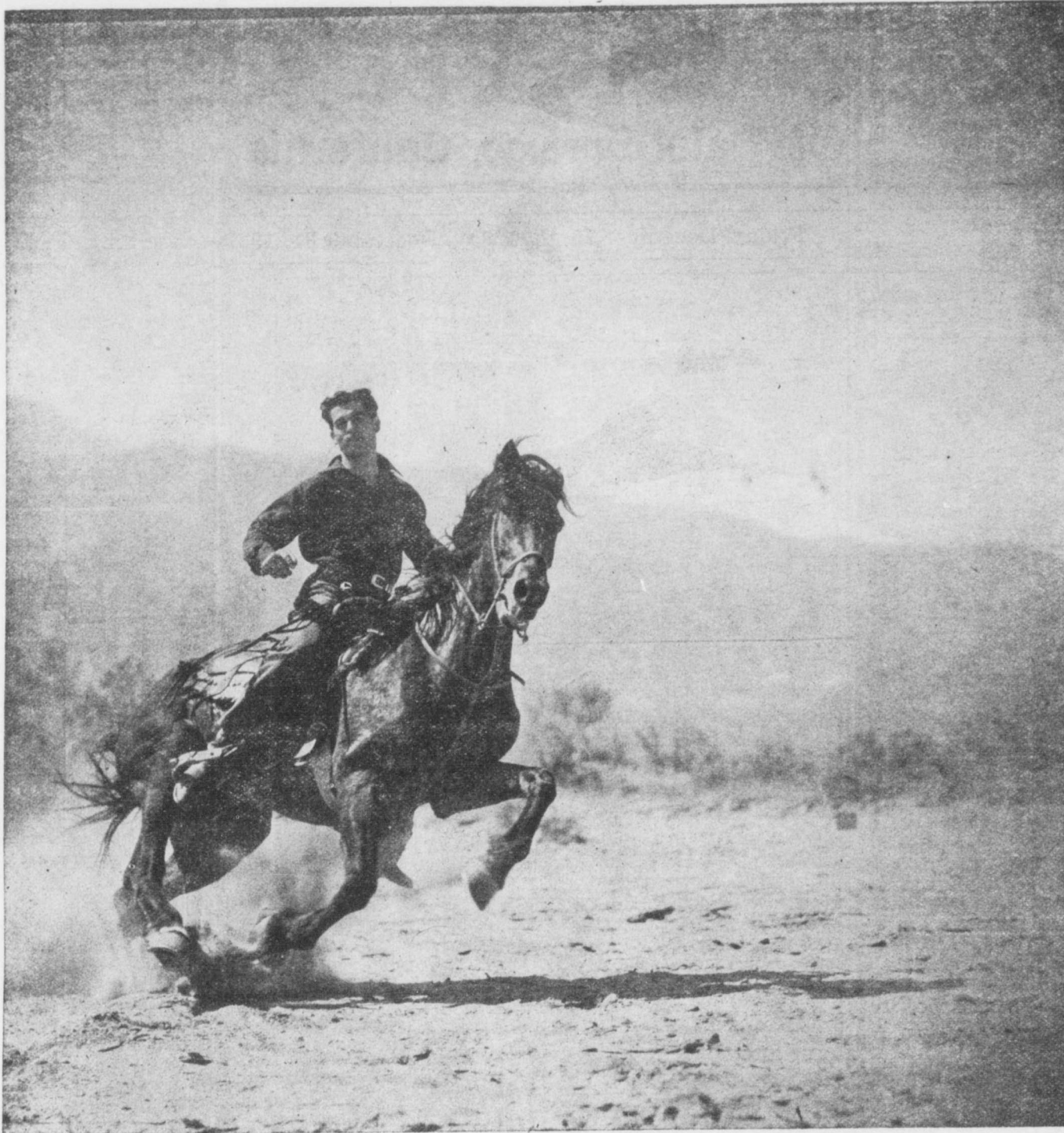
If one wishes to sell a security, and can find no one who will pay more than 10 for it, that is its current price, irrespective of what the owner feels it should bring. And if one wishes to buy a security and can find no one who will sell it to him for less than 100, that is that security's current price. It is precisely as in dealings involving commodities, a home, an automobile—the price finally fixed marks a "medium" between the desires of buyer and seller. And that price changes when the views of worth of buyer and seller change.

As the president of the New York Stock Exchange also said, "Even in the most ideal market, values will be subject to change so long as we live in a vivid world, if only as a result of those developments which make for progress and higher living standards."

When these simple truths are more widely understood, there will be less misrepresentation of the mechanism of the market place where securities are bought and sold.

Claudette Colbert is registered at the Desert Inn for Christmas. Also Ed Eberly, noted film director.

Bronc-Busting Bogert Ballyhoos Buckaroos



The gymkhana to be held Sunday afternoon at the Palm Springs Field Club will be announced over the public address system in typical cowboy lingo, for Frank Bogert, popular local cowboy and publicity director at El Mirador Hotel, will be at the mike. Above is Frank strutting his stuff on a bronc at a affair of last season. Looks as if he ought to be in the gymkhana Sunday instead of announcing it.

Tuberculosis Is Being Conquered

Today, less than one-third of the children of high school age in California have been exposed to tuberculosis, while three decades ago practically every child of high school age had been infected with this disease, according to a statement issued today by the California Tuberculosis association. This progress in the fight against tuberculosis has been achieved since the first sale of Christmas Seals thirty years ago.

Outlining the progress which has been achieved in tuberculosis control since 1907, the statement went on to say:

"When almost everybody had been exposed to tuberculosis, the problem was complex, and health workers could only apply general measures in fighting the disease, and as, insuring better housing, better food and better working conditions for our population. Then came the drive for the building of hospitals and the isolation of advanced cases. These measures succeeded in reducing the death rate from tuberculosis by more than two-thirds."

"During the past five years, however, a new attack has been made on the disease through an effort to uncover cases before outward symptoms have appeared. The tuberculin test has been given to whole school populations, and the students giving evidence of infection, approximately one-third of each group, have been X-rayed. Those showing traces of disease have been placed under treatment, and an effort has been made to discover the source of infection."

"This work has been made possible by funds derived from the sale of Christmas Seals."

Blue Opens Detective Bureau In Palm Springs

Walter C. Blue, well known here because of his assistance to the local police department while he was chief investigator in Sheriff Carl Rayburn's office, has established his own detective agency in Palm Springs, having his office in the Carnell building. Mr. Blue also has an office in Riverside.

He has been a detective in Southern California during the past quarter century, and is recommended by most of the sheriffs of police chiefs of this part of the state.

Lightnin' and Archie's Birthday Party Is A Huge Success

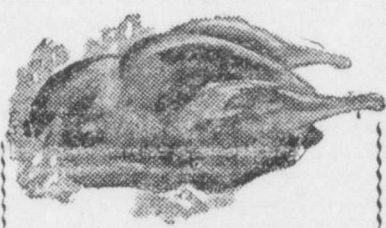
Lightnin' and Archie, who really are Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moore, owners of the Three Musketeers, have made plans for the third annual Christmas frolic at the Three Musketeers tomorrow (Saturday) evening. The Christmas frolic has become a bigger event each Christmas. Lowell Moore and his Swing Band will furnish the music.

Last Saturday evening was the Three Musketeers' third birthday party, with a large crowd in attendance, including numerous motion picture stars.

Midnight Mass At Our Lady of Solitude Church Tonight

With the kind permission of the Bishop, most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, midnight mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Solitude tonight, Christmas Eve.

In tradition mass will be said at 8 and 10:30 a. m. on Christmas Day, and at 8 o'clock on the Indian Reservation.



Wishing you a real Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year

Palm Springs Poultry Market
LOUIS GAUTILLO

Sun Beams

Mr. and Mrs. George Kreimer today moved into their new home in China Canyon Mesa, in the northwestern part of town near the foot of the mountains.

Leonard Hohl and Miss Clara Hohl, father and sister of Major L. E. Hohl, are visiting him at Araby for the holidays.

D. E. Williams, editor and publisher of the Fallon (Nevada) Eagle, dropped in at The Desert Sun office this week. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are in Palm Springs for a six week's stay.

Nell Weatherall, sophomore in the College of Commerce at the University of California at Berkeley, is spending his Christmas vacation here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Weatherall.

Former Villager Weds at Bell

Theodore O. "Ted" Zschokke, son of Theodore Zschokke of Palm Springs, was married last Sunday at Bell to Miss Mary Powers of that city. The happy young couple will make their home in Riverside where Zschokke is working on a natural history project, a cooperative project between the Riverside city schools and the N. Y. A.

Mrs. Zschokke is a graduate of Whittier College, and resided in Bell before her marriage.

Mr. Zschokke is a naturalist who is very well known to the residents of the village. A few years ago he established a clever nature trail on South Palm Canyon Drive, and while here gave numerous nature talks before local school groups.

While in the village Mr. Zschokke was in rather poor health, but he is now enjoying perfect health again.

Al Ritz, member of the famous Ritz Brothers Comedy team, was seen chatting with Jack Moore the other day in the Royal Palms Cocktail Lounge. He is here to rest up from work on the Ritz Bros.' newest picture, "Goldwyn Follies," which will be released about February 15. Al, Jimmy and Harry Ritz, who comprise the comedy team, always drop in to see Jack Moore whenever they are in Palm Springs.

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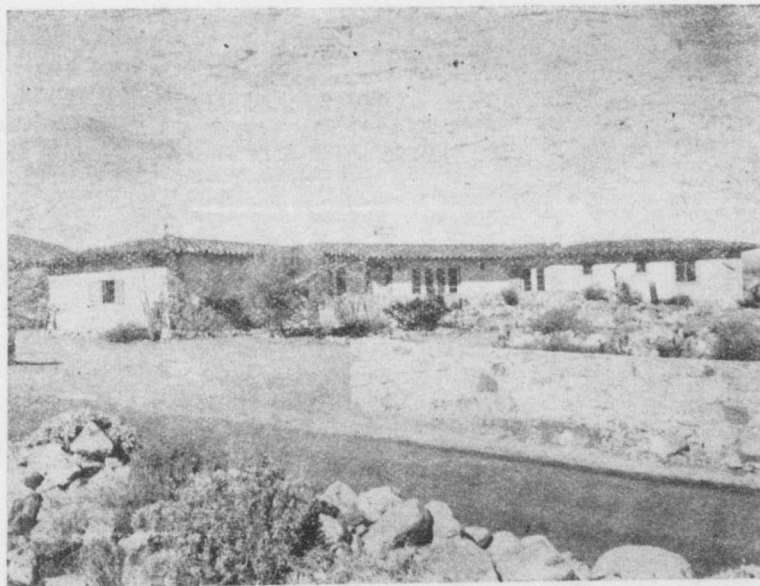
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ON THE GOLF COURSE

Johnny Dawson of Chicago, who just retained his San Fernando championship, and who is one of the leading national players, is a visitor here at Palm Springs. His 72-64 held up easily. Grantland Rice, famous sport writer is another visitor seen daily at the course.

Victor Ghezzi, who played in our last Palm Springs Open is leading at Nassau, followed by Sam Snead and Denny Shute. His score to date was 72-66-66 with one round to go. In event of an open here all the pros who make the winter tour will be invited.

Seen daily at Desert Golf Club: Rob't Woolsey, Paulette Goddard, Edgar Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Cortez, Charlie Farrell, David Selznick, Al. Lichman, Jay Paley all of Hollywood, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Sweetzer, Vermont. Mrs. Sweetzer had a nice round of 82 yesterday. C. H. Clarke, Seattle, and who had a tops for the year when he made his 39. Another foursome playing Karl Kumpke, Judge Clock, J. E. French and H. Dorsett.

Announcement comes to the club that there will be only seven hole-in-one awards. These will include a gold golf pin, a certificate of membership, a trophy, sterling silver globe on a pedestal, a bronze medal. Last year there were 7 holes made in one, at the course.

"World's Greatest" Clairvoyant Is Here

Princess Zoraida, local palmist, clairvoyant, crystal gazer, and sand diviner, has asked this newspaper to tell the folk of Palm Springs that she has returned for her fourth season.

Her circular, printed by another Palm Springs newspaper, tells the story better than could this newspaper's reporter. It says, in part:

"Princess Zoraida, the world's greatest Egyptian Master of Occult Science, has returned to her beautiful Oriental studio on North Palm Canyon Drive.

"She not only tells you your birthplace, occupation and religion, but how many brothers, sisters, parents, and their names. Whether you were born in a village or a large city, and many other remarkable events; how and when they happened—all about them.

"Princess Zoraida predicted the boom, and also predicted the greatest season in the history of Miami for 1929—all of which has come true exactly as she foretold.

"She predicted the Wall Street crash of 1929, also the election of President Roosevelt by a vast majority and has in her possession two letters from the President acknowledging same.

"Almost from the cradle Princess Zoraida developed her remarkable powers, until today she stands alone in her unusual work—that of assisting



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Movie Folk on the Desert Golf Course



Left to right—A. C. Lackey, motion picture producer; Ray McCary, motion picture director; Mrs. Lackey, and Mrs. Ray McCary, all of Hollywood, brushing up on their game at the Desert Golf Club, while visiting in Palm Springs.

Dilworth Tells

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the Governor. A successful fight was made by a group of Assemblymen to prevent passage of a bill to require probate court proceedings for widows with a small property held in joint tenancy.

Repeal of the law prescribing penalties for advocating the overthrow of the government by force and violence was attempted by a powerful group of Assemblymen, including the Speaker, the Speaker pro-tem, the Majority Floor Leader and the Chairman of the Rules Committee. At one time the advocates of repeal carried the Assembly 36 to 33 but were finally defeated 29 to 45.

Another bill was introduced and favorably reported out by an Assembly committee to require school boards to allow the use of school houses by organizations advocating the overthrow of the government by force and violence. This bill also failed to pass but was supported by the Assembly leaders of the majority party.

The Assemblyman explained that the members of the Assembly were elected on a population basis and that 43 came from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Alameda Counties, with 37 from the remainder of the state. The control of the Assembly was in the hands of a majority of very radical views. The Senate is elected to represent counties, one Senator from each county except that the smaller counties are combined in groups. This gives rural counties control of one house, the Senate. It is therefore necessary for the Senate and Assembly to confer and agree on legislation before they can act. This is the only check that rural California has on the numerical power of the three large cities to rule the state. It is fair.

The Senate can not force anything on the Assembly. It is American in that it requires discussion, conference and agreement before new legislation becomes effective.

A one house legislature would of necessity be based on population alone, and rural California would be in a helpless minority. It would have been financially disastrous in 1937. The Assembly voted thirty millions in special appropriations that the Senate defeated. The Assembly reduced and eliminated taxes that produce revenue of about sixty million dollars, all this while the state was unable to meet its warrants by 19 million dollars. Thus the Senate preserved the financial integrity of the state and made it possible to continue pension aid, relief activities, education and other governmental functions unimpaired.

In closing Assemblyman Dilworth complimented the personnel of the Lions Club and expressed the good will of other county cities that Palm Springs had become the second city in Riverside County.

Practically all of the signs on the Indian Reservation and in Palm and Andreas canyons are being repainted by August LaRose, an Indian from the Flathead Reservation in Montana. LaRose dropped in recently to see Federal Officer H. H. Quackenbush of the local reservation, seeking work as a sign painter. He is doing excellent work rebuilding the old wooden signs and is making many new ones. The signs are painted a bright yellow with black lettering. He had completed about 30 signs up to last night.

her fellow men and women in solving problems of the heart, home and business."

Merry Christmas, Princess Zoraida.

TOURIST RUSH BREAKS RECORDS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

All previous records in Southern California's tourist business were broken when the All-Year Club revealed yesterday that visitors during the 1937 travel year numbered 1,741,603 and their expenditures while here \$216,713,817.

These figures, the result of careful All-Year Club surveys, represent an increase of 14.7 per cent over our tourist business in 1936, the former all-time peak," stated H. D. Ivey, prominent banker and vice-president of the community's non-profit tourist promotion organization.

"Had these visitors been here at one time, Southern California could have pointed to a tourist city the size of Los Angeles, Pasadena and Long Beach combined," he declared.

"This is added proof of the soundness of the sustained, expert advertising campaign the All-Year Club has maintained for 16 years," Ivey added.

Sources of visitors are being checked this year for the first time at the All-Year Club's new Tourist Information Bureau at 505 West Sixth street, Los Angeles, and in the past few months visitors have registered there from 47 states, 41 foreign countries and Canadian provinces and 91 foreign cities.

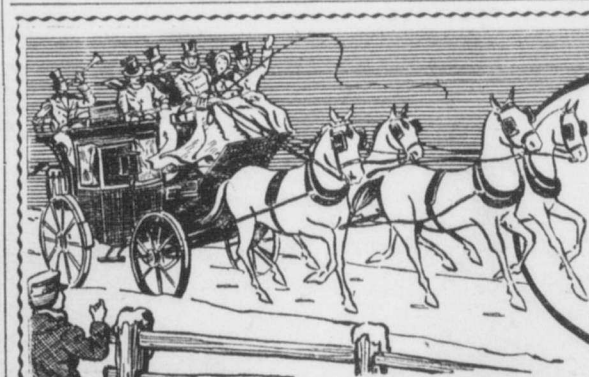
The All-Year Club leader declared the survey was conducted with proven methods in 10 years of active research. Confidential traffic reports were obtained from all public carriers and added to the count of automobile arrivals at the border. All returning Californians, local traffic from border states, migrating agricultural workers and commercial travel were deducted from the grand total to obtain the actual tourist count.

Harry Reid, 18-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry S. Reid, is in the Palo Alto hospital, at Menlo Park, where he underwent an appendectomy. His mother is there with him. Harry is a Sophomore at Menlo Junior College, near Palo Alto.

James Duffy, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a patient at the Reid hospital. Mrs. Duffy is here with him.

Guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Russell M. Gray over Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blair of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ellery of San Bernardino.

Clarke Painter, Hollywood playwright and author of the famous stage play, "Black Empire," and other well known plays, arrived in Palm Springs last evening to visit with Ted Hodges over Christmas at Ramon Trailer Park.



A Merrie Christmas

ROGERS STABLES
TRAVIS ROGERS

Egg-nog Party At La Clase School

Helen Thomas and Lee Higgins entertained at La Clase on West Arenas Road last Sunday afternoon. It was open house with an egg-nog party in full swing. The buffet was laden with Christmas cakes and the punch bowl was filled with what seemed to be gallons of egg-nog.

The classroom was appropriately decorated with pine boughs and cones done in various bright colors. It was considered one of the smartest affairs of the season. The guest list included: Messrs. and Mesdames, Archie Palmer, Newton Hotchkiss, Wm. Spiegelberg, Evan Mosher, Harold Hicks, Joeffrey Bill, Ledge, John Chaffey, Culver Nichols, Ernie Fors, Pat Patterson, Lester Stoeffen, Philip Boyd, Frank Bennett, Charles Adams, Andy Anderson, Austin McManus, Jack Wentworth, Robert Ransom, A. J. M. Gardiner, James Geggio, Rufus Chapman, Herbert Samson, Dr. and Mrs. James B. Oliver, Dr. and Mrs. Percy A. Stanley, Dr. and Mrs. Bacon L. Clifton, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Kocher and Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Reid, Mesdames Marledna Bordon, Dorothy Burritt, Dorothy Goodlow, Lillian Barnett and Hatch, Misses Jayne Higgins, Helen Lindsay, Marjorie Forline, Dolly Harrison, Vera Waterman, Jane Hendrick, Helen Dipping, Mildred Forslund and Messrs. John Porter Clark, Berian Bersman, Anthony Burke, Ralph Hall, Jack Landon, Jack Darnell, Phil Ormsby, Farid, Simaika, Frank Scott, Kenneth Smith, Bud Guthrie, John Barnett, Dutch Smith, Frank Bogert, Bill Mason, Travis Rogers and Jack Kenniston.

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SANTA TOTES A LOAD

Notwithstanding the current slack tugging at the coat-tails of business, Christmas shoppers' purses will jingle right merrily to the tune of an extra half billion—\$200,000,000 of it in increased divided payments says the California Progress Review.

Taken separately, the gift packages of special Yuletide payments offered by many of the concerns isn't breath-taking. But when totaled up together the sum flirts closely with a quarter of a million—which means Santa's shopping bag should be a weighty one.

One motor car company is making a special payment of nearly \$400,000. Not a great deal, to be sure, but this is the company's first payment in almost six years, and that comes under the heading of good Christmas tidings! An electric company tops the list with its disbursement of over \$28,000,000, and the railroads, not to be outdone in contributing to the general pre-Christmas good news, are making payments of more than \$12,000,000—which suggests the size of the special gift they could put into Christmas stockings were nearly one-third of them not in bankruptcy as they are today!

Add all this to the \$320,000,000 distributed to six and one-half million Christmas club members by banks, and it looks as if Santa is going to need those broad shoulders of his to tote this season's load of Christmas shopping!

IRONIC SIGNS

(Beverly Hills Citizen)

In few other countries would business men dare to display signs with sarcastic messages for government agents, and in fewer other nations would the Compton Printing Company be allowed to distribute them.

One of the wall reads:

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Another satiric notice on a blotter proclaims:

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Auditors are asked to please excuse the fact that we have only one set of books. Next year we plan to provide a duplicate set of books which can be left on the front counter at all hours, but in the meantime, due to the demand for them, governmental agents will kindly file their requests at least thirty days in advance, being patient if it is necessary for them to await in line.

GET BACK TO THE OPEN SPACES

Recently announced population figures showing heavy gains in population in the large cities of the nation as compared with stationary or dwindling returns from the rural sections are not being met with the jubilant heraldings that hitherto characterized such urban growths; in fact, our big brothers of the metropolitan press are gravely concerned over such population trends, what with their already pressing problems of unemployment and relief. Students of social economy have long advocated the decentralization of industry and a return to the old order of more and smaller factories in the country towns of America as the specific to cure most of the ills that assail modern business.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS

New Year resolutions may have gone out of style. But the business firms and the workers who do not constantly make new resolutions of energy and forethought are too slow to keep up with these times.

Heads of business concerns need to look back at their past record, and ask how it can be improved. If there was any lack of close attention to detail, if efforts were not made to push and expand business, there should be a resolution to show more application and energy in these respects.

Similarly the employes of all concerns should ask if their efforts do all they might for their employers and themselves. They need to ask how they can make themselves more useful, turn out a better product or improve their service. Such resolutions mean higher wages for workers, and more profits for business.



A court of honor was held at the regular weekly meeting of the Palm Springs Boy Scouts this Tuesday night at the Scout hut. The traditional candle lighting ceremony and investiture ceremony added much to the impressiveness of the occasion.

The badges were presented to the boys by Gerould Estgate, local teacher and assistant scoutmaster. Frank Hand was presented with his First Class badge, and his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Hand, was a guest at the affair. Several boys were presented with the Second Class badges; among

them were Pat Mutascio and Bob Guyer.

No merit badges were presented at the court of honor held Tuesday night.

Last Saturday night the Mounted Troop, which is made up of members from the local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts who like to ride, enjoyed a supper ride to Tahquitz canyon. Of the approximately 30 members in the mounted troop, 25 attended the supper ride last Saturday night.

A treasure hunt was enjoyed by the boys, and the prizes for the same consisted of two Scout knives and two neckerchiefs. Trail signs were the only clues used.

Much credit should be given to Mary White of Araby Stables for the success of the Mounted Troop. She furnishes horses free of charge once

each month for the boys in the Mounted Troop to ride on outings of this nature. Credit should also be given to M. M. Ransom of the Desert Fuel Service, who donated the wood for the affair last Saturday, and to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Autcault of the Town House who donated both time and money to see that the scouts had plenty to eat. They furnished the weiners and the cocoa, and Mrs. Autcault baked a huge cake. This cake was so large that it amply served the thirty persons in attendance.

There are about 60 scouts in Palm Springs at the present time, the largest number in the history of the village. About 30 of these boys are Cub Scouts and the other half are Boy Scouts. The Mounted Troop is a new thing in the village this season. Mem-

bers of either the Cub Scout Troop or the Boy Scout Troop are eligible to join the Mounted Troop if they enjoy riding.

TENNIS MATCH AT EL MIRADOR SUNDAY

An exhibition tennis doubles match will be held at the new tennis courts and club house at the El Mirador Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Frank Feltrop, pro at the Del Tahquitz, and Larry Shaffi of the Racquet Club, will play against Harry Plymire, local realtor and one time member of the Stanford University tennis team, and Johnny Lamb, pro at El Mirador.

This match, which should prove to be a thrilling one, will be open to the public without charge.

Merry Christmas!

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Little man: "Big Teddy Bear."

Santa Claus: "Take your mother to the toy department, fourth floor."

Santa Claus: "And you, little girl?"

Little Girl: "A red dress and red slippers and red stockings."

Santa Claus: "Children's wear, fifth floor."

Santa Claus: "Madam, what would you like Santa Claus to bring you?"

Madam, giggling: "I'd like a set of new curtains for my husband."

Santa Claus: "Draperies and upholstery, sixth floor. Next."

★ What does Christmas mean to you? Does it mean a delirious rush to buy an indiscriminate mass of junk simply because you think you have to give something to those whom you call your friends? Does it mean a careful weighing of the possibilities, that your present to Jenny may not cost any more than Jenny's present to you? Or does it mean an exchange of gifts simply because you are too weak-minded to be independent and give for the pure joy of giving? Does Christmas mean that you will give expensive presents to your well-to-do friends and scrimp on the gifts to the less fortunate? Does it mean that you will make Christmas an excuse to save your conscience by giving liberally to the poor and needy, when the amount you spend would have helped greatly if given in installments throughout the year? Does Christmas mean stuffing yourself with rich food and suffering the inevitable cold, or flu or possibly pneumonia? Far be it from The Bystander to howl calamity. Yet there is more sickness following the Christmas season than any other period. Why? Does Christmas mean getting cock-eyed, with the strange notion that you are having a good time? Does Christmas mean giving the children of your family so many toys that they are soon satiated, and often ungrateful? Does it mean spending more than you should spend, or less? In fact, what does Christmas mean?

★ How few of us ever even think of the origin of Christmas—what the season meant to our long-ago forefathers? Then gifts were made through sheer kindness of heart and joy in the Nativity. Folks sang and were happy. They sang Christmas songs. Money had little to do in expressing their happiness. Then Christmas were trees, and not gilded caricatures overburdened with cheap tinsel and glittering gee gaws. The lighted candles had devout significance. Above all, children believed in the beneficence of Santa Claus and what he represented.

★ Another Christmas will soon be here.

★ What a shock it would be to some of us if all the delinquents used their Christmas money to pay their debts.

★ What a lot of money will be spent for gasoline, liquor, new clothing, toys, and theater tickets, that justly belongs to the grocer, the butcher, the dry goods merchant, the druggist. Or the long-suffering newspaper proprietor.

★ The Bystander wishes it known to the sacred few who read his column that any remarks he makes originate in his own tepee—not in the newspaper office which prints them. As heretofore mentioned, he is a free lance, unadorned by any ideas, convictions or feathers other than his own.

Said a man (in Palm Springs) to a lady (also in Palm Springs) in speaking of his daughter who had written a high school composition or some merit, "I want her to be a writer. I'd like to have one member of my family earning a living without having to do any work."

★ When some blatant New York radio sticks his face in the mike and sings about Dear Old Broadway, he really means, expensive.

★ Charley McCarthy has become a living personality, almost a personage. Some folk think Charley is made of wood. Not so. He is constructed of Eddie Bergen's brains.

Pablo Rodriguez has fallen from grace. To judge by his features he fell on his face.

But Pablo declares that the dent in his mug was caused by a cork that blew out of a jug.

★ Control your corks, Pablo! Control your corks.

★ The Bystander.

Harry Mann and Nero



The above picture of Harry Mann, genial proprietor of the Sportsmen's Headquarters Rifle Range, and his popular canine, Nero, appeared in the Monday, December 6th issue of the Illustrated Animal News. The picture was taken at Lake Arrowhead this past August when Nero was 10 months old.

Nero is a thoroughbred St. Bernard, his full name being Nero Rex Imperator. He was not entered in the dog show here two weeks ago because of the fact that he was sick at that time.

The gun across Mann's knee is a Kentucky squirrel rifle, a .39 caliber cap and ball type firearm, that is over 100 years old. It is a gun from Mann's fine collection of antique firearms that is on display at his Sportsmen's Headquarters on North Palm Canyon Drive.

2 Women Killed

(Continued From Page One)

stopped alongside the road to change a tire, and all got out of the car excepting Mrs. Coutts and Miss Fitzgerald. Suddenly their car, a Dodge sedan, was struck in the left rear-end by another Dodge sedan driven by Oistad, and both cars were completely wrecked. With Oistad in the car was Dr. Agnes E. Hansen, who was thrown to the highway and killed instantly. Oistad was also thrown out and was dazed from the impact.

Blinded By Headlights

When interviewed later, Mr. Oistad said he was blinded by the headlights of an approaching car and had probably swung far to the right to miss the car with the bright headlights and consequently crashed into the parked car. Mr. Oistad and Dr. Hansen were returning from Santa Ana, where the latter operated a sanatorium.

The injured people were brought immediately to the Reid hospital where Dr. Henry Reid and Dr. Hall fought valiantly to save the life of Mrs. Coutts. The others injured were treated there too, both Schurch and Oistad remaining at the hospital. Oistad returned to his home here Tuesday.

Mrs. Coutts was conscious only a brief time before lapsing into the coma which preceded her death Monday afternoon.

Chief of Police Lloyd Boller, assisting the state highway police who investigated the accident, took pictures at the scene of the crash and Officer Doyle Jessop of the highway patrol gathered measurements and details. Officer D. F. McCracken of the local department assisted and the complete investigation was handled by Captain King of the Highway patrol and Coroner Ben White, who arrived several hours after the crash.

Buried Beside Husband

Funeral services for Mrs. Coutts were held Wednesday afternoon in the Palm Springs Community Church. Dr. John Robertson Macartney in charge. She was laid to rest beside her husband, who had preceded her in death just 10 months before, in the little pioneer cemetery at the foot of the mountains north of Desert Golf Course. Gordon Coutts died last February 21st, and Mrs. Coutts followed him in death on December 20th.

Hundreds of beautiful floral offerings filled the church, silent messengers of love and devotion from the many friends of the beloved lady.

Surviving are the two beautiful daughters, Jeane, age 15, and Mary Gordon, age 5; her mother, Mrs. Anna Rauon of Altadena, and her sister, Mrs. E. Wilson, also of Altadena.

Mrs. Coutts was an accomplished vocalist, pianist and painter. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, 42 years ago, and was married to Gordon Coutts in New York. The couple traveled extensively, and lived in Morocco for four years. They came to Palm Springs about 12 years ago, and later built their beautiful Moroccan home, "Dar Moroc" on Patencio road near the mountains in the southwestern part of town. The residence with its bronze-colored dome and huge Moroccan dome is a familiar landmark in Palm Springs.

Mrs. Coutts was carrying on the work begun by her husband. In the gallery at Dar Moroc are some of her lovely paintings, among them a flower piece which has been declared a masterpiece by art critics. Little Jeane Coutts, who studied painting under the direction of her father, has shown remarkable talent. "The child has remarkable color taste," said Sir John Lavery, and she is doing beautiful work. I am sure she will become a great artist."

Sir John was deeply shocked by the tragedy. He and Mr. Coutts had been close friends of long standing, and

two years ago he came here from London and spent several months with the Coutts family. He was impressed with Mrs. Coutts' ability. She was a very beautiful lady, and one of the loveliest pictures in the Coutts gallery is the portrait of her made by her husband some years ago.

Beautiful Character

"Mrs. Coutts was one of the most unselfish women I have ever known, and she had a beautiful character," said Sir John yesterday. "Why, she traveled all the way to New Orleans to pick me up and brought me to Palm Springs. I had known her for about ten years, since the time her husband brought her to see me in London. She was devoted to him and her family, and before her death she had been looking forward and working hard to add to his reputation and achieving greater recognition for his works."

"She was giving lectures about his achievements, arranging exhibitions of his paintings, and was to appear before a large gathering on January 5th in Los Angeles to show some of his paintings. With Mr. Schurch she had arranged for a local gallery to exhibit some of his work also."

Local people and others who knew Mrs. Coutts expressed similar appreciation of her character and accomplishments and the deepest regret at her death.

Sir John said that he planned to remain in Palm Springs, despite the terrible tragedy which had marred the beginning of his visit.

He and his grand-daughter and secretary have an apartment in the Coutts' residence, Dar Moroc.

Jacob H. Schurch and Ben Schurch, of Los Angeles, father and brother of Jack Schurch, came here early this week to be with the latter who was seriously injured in the automobile accident which took the lives of Mrs. Coutts and Dr. Hansen. They remained over to attend Mrs. Coutts' funeral.

Mrs. Coutts' mother and sister, Mrs. Rauon and Mrs. Wilson, also came here from Altadena to look after funeral arrangements and to be with the Coutts children.

Dr. Agnes E. Hansen

Dr. Agnes E. Hansen, a physician and surgeon who specialized in the treatment of tuberculosis, was not as well known in Palm Springs as was Mrs. Coutts. However, she had an excellent reputation as a physician and as a woman of high character. She came to Palm Springs one or two days a week last season and so far this year, to rest from her strenuous duties in her Santa Ana sanatorium. For several years she had charge of the Southern Sierras Sanatorium in Banning, and therefore made many friends in that city. She was about 52 years old when death cut short her career.

Funeral services for her were held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Bellflower.

Surviving her are a brother, S. C. Hansen of Santa Ana, who assisted in operating the sanatorium; a sister, Mrs. Sylvia Clarke of Oakland, and a niece, Miss Evelyn G. Clarke, who is a frequent visitor to Palm Springs and owned the building jointly with the deceased.

Is War Coming?

The up-to-the-minute war technique is to invade a country, kill soldiers and civilians and devastate and capture its cities—but not declare war. Perfect example of this is provided by the Sino-Japanese conflict. Neither country has broken off diplomatic relations with the other. China is represented in Tokyo and Japan in Nanking. In theory there is no war. In actual fact, however, one of the most sanguinary conflicts in history is being waged.

Another up-to-the-minute technique

Gas Officials Meet With Committee

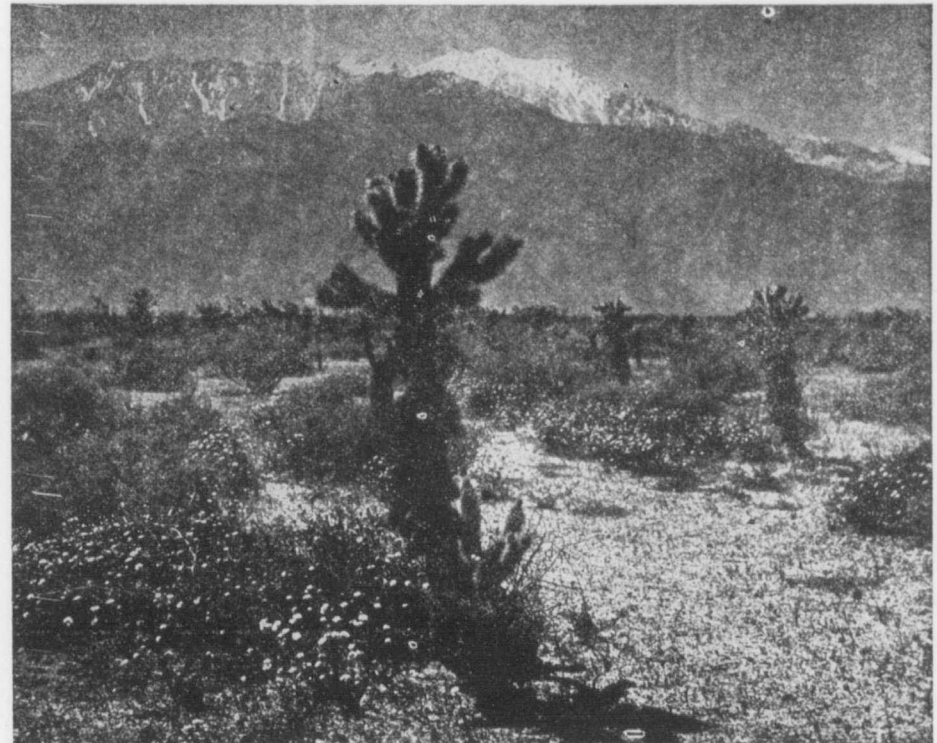
Officials of the Southern California Gas Company were here Wednesday to confer with the Chamber of Commerce committee and other community leaders regarding the proposed moving of the gas tank north of town. The group, including Committeemen A. F. Hicks, Raymond Cree, Philip Boyd; President Harold Hicks of the Chamber of Commerce, Carl Kumpe, engineer, Hobart Garlick, and others, met the Gas Company officials at Hotel The Oasis where all were guests of Hobart Garlick at lunch.

After the luncheon the matter was thoroughly discussed, the local committee making their suggestions and presenting possible sites. The gas officials listened attentively and exemplified a sympathetic attitude. They stated they would present the matter, as explained to them, to the company's board of directors and would do everything feasible to straighten out the matter satisfactory to Palm Springs.

After the luncheon, the local men took the company officials on a tour of Palm Springs and showed them the suggested sites.

is for a country to pay lip service to peace—and at the same time take steps that must inevitably lead to war. The two principal Fascist dictatorships, Germany and Italy, and their ally, Japan, are past masters of this. Japan invades China—and claims she is doing it in the interest of peace. Italy conquers the Ethiopian Empire by armed force—in the interest of peace. Germany reoccupies the Ruhr, and threatens her neighbors—again, with peace as the battle cry.

To repeat, the deadline draws nearer. Whether a major war will occur is dependent on certain concrete things. Japan is winning in China—but she is ruining herself economically in the process. Germany locks the economic resources essential to a long war. Franco is steadily gaining in Spain—but he has a long way to go, and his economic position is likewise precarious; the insurgent movement, according to all commentators, would collapse in a week if something happened to cause a withdrawal of German-Italian support. The financial weaknesses of the Fascist powers is the biggest element in maintaining today's troubled world peace.



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GOOD DRINKS

Palm Springs Still Land of 'What-to-Do'

(Earl C. Behrens, famous political commentator for the San Francisco Chronicle, who spent several weeks recently honeymooning at the Desert Inn, wrote the following article, which appeared last Saturday in the Chronicle.)

Palm Springs, Dec. 13.—Residents of this \$20,000,000 community, literally draped around an Indian reservation, are anxiously awaiting the coming regular session of Congress in hopes that legislation will be passed to solve a ticklish political and economic situation unlike that which faces any other city or town in the entire United States.

Legislation is now pending to authorize Secretary of Interior Ickes to sell all or part of the 33,000 acres comprising the local Indian reservation. But the legislation has run up against rough sledding because of political maneuvers involving several departments in the Roosevelt Administration.

A few years back a group of Hollywood promoters conceived the idea of creating a modern Utopia in the form of a tax free state right smack in the midst of the Indian reservation. Legislation was introduced in Congress to permit the leasing for a long period of the part of the reservation around which Palm Springs has grown.

Federal Territory
At present, since the reservation is Federal territory, merchants have been able to thumb their noses at the California state authorities in many instances, particularly when the State Board of Equalization sought to collect sales taxes.

The tax free state scheme, however, was blocked by the efforts of the Indian affairs committee of the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce, and the legislation then pending in Congress was allowed to die. Secretary Ickes acceded to the demands that the leasing program be abandoned.

Now the plan is to have Congress authorize the sale of about 10 per cent of the Indian lands. It is estimated that at least \$1,000,000 can be realized from the sale of this acreage on the desert. On top of this sale it is contemplated to purchase through the help of public spirited citizens the famous Palm Canyon, a part of the mountainous territory of the Indian reservation, for \$350,000, and have it made a national monument by the Federal Government.

Only 48 in Tribe

There are but 48 Indians in the Agua Caliente, or Palm Springs Indian tribe. The program now under contemplation would provide that \$100,000 of the funds which the tribal members would receive from the land sales would be used to construct a model village on a portion of the Indian reservation.

The remaining \$1,250,000 would be deposited with the United States Treasury to draw 4 per cent interest, a sum sufficient to give each tribal member a yearly income in excess of \$1000.

Prior to the advent of the white settlers at Palm Springs the Indian reservation land was worth about 25 cents an acre, so the deal would not be a bad one.

A bizarre situation of the story book variety has come out of the Palm Springs Indian reservation complications.

Many Hands in Pie

In addition to Secretary Ickes, U. S. Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, John Collier, head of the Indian affairs department of the government; Patrick J. Hurley, former Secretary of War during the Hoover administration; former U. S. Senator Dill of Washington, Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, various others of national fame have moved through the maze of transactions dealing with the handling of the Palm Springs problem.

The Palm Springs Indian reservation lands are now occupied by approximately 4000 whites, Mexicans and other racial groups in addition to the less than 50 members of the Indian tribe. The reservation lands have been allotted to the members of the tribe, but the allotments have never been confirmed by the Washington authorities. In spite of this situation, the Indians have proceeded to permit outsiders to come on the reservation, pay a small annual sum and erect habitations of one sort or another. Lack of sanitary facilities, fire protection, policing and numerous other functions of government are missing from the reservation territory because of the mushroom growth of the non-Indian population.

Dispute Continues

The allotments have been in dispute

among the Indians since those members of the tribe who received what they believe to be the poorer allotments have voted against accepting them.

The taxpayers of Palm Springs have been forced to pay school costs for the children of the squatters from the Indian reservation, and the residents who have great investments in hotel and residence properties are constantly complaining of the condition which Uncle Sam has permitted to continue.

For the first time in some years the Bureau of Indian Affairs under Commissioner Collier, however, is now co-operating with the citizens here in an effort to right conditions.

A series of political situations recently has kept the Palm Springs community leaders on the edge of their seats.

Bad Feeling Rife

For a long time there had been bad feeling between the tribal committee and their white adviser and the local leaders. Just a few weeks ago members of the tribal committee, which has been a "rump" affair for the past year, ran afoul of the Federal authorities.

Under orders from Attorney General Cummings a special investigator from Washington spent a long time inquiring into the affairs of the little Indian band. Several weeks ago the Federal Grand Jury indicted the white adviser and the members of the tribal committee for their handling of funds. Between \$9000 and \$10,000 is involved.

Immediately Collier, representing Secretary Ickes, came by plane to Los Angeles to persuade the U. S. Attorney there to dismiss the indictments. Finally, the men were given their release from jail pending trial.

It is believed that Secretary Ickes did not wish to bring forth complaints from the various so-called Indian defense associations or to attract any undue attention to the Indian affairs handling in the nation. Ickes presumably was sidestepping any further attack upon the Roosevelt Administration from Senator Wheeler, co-author of the Wheeler-Howard bill, under which the Indian tribes are supposed to handle their affairs upon a cooperative basis.

Under existing Indian legislation, the creation of tribal committees was a permissive arrangement, but the Indians in many cases have rejected the Wheeler-Howard bill.

Senator Wheeler is a bit touchy about Indian bureau affairs management at present.

Prior to the time he was named Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the Roosevelt Administration, Collier himself headed up one of the Indian defense associations, an organization which drew its funds from contributions.

Indian Federation

The Mission Indians, which include many of those in California, have a federation to which the Indian members pay \$1 per month each. Adam Castillo of the Soboba tribe, president of the Mission Indian Federation, was indicted, along with the Palm Springs Indian big wigs, in the recent move of the Federal Government to inquire into the financial dealings of some of the Indian leaders.

Right in the middle of other negotiations between the Federal Government and the Palm Springs leaders has popped up one of those bright young men of the New Deal, Felix Cohen, youthful solicitor in the Department of Interior, with a brand new theory that the various Indian tribes have full control over their lands and affairs, and that early treaties between them and Uncle Sam, although abrogated by Congress due to changed conditions as the United States grew, are yet in force.

As cited by Earl Coffman, manager of the Desert Inn and chairman of the Indian affairs committee of the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce, if Cohen's theory is accepted by the Washington authorities, the Secretary of Interior would first have to secure the consent of the Indians before oil leases could be negotiated or grazing lands rented under recent New Deal legislation. The Cohen theory takes the Indians out of the class of wards of the Nation as heretofore considered to be national policy.

Vast Improvement

As far as the Palm Springs Indians are concerned, too, Coffman notes, "the Mission Indians were not treaty Indians."

Since the first of the present year H. H. Quackenbush, special officer of the division of law enforcement in the Federal service, has been in charge of the Palm Springs reservation affairs. He has been making the white squatters on the reservation toe the

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY HAS MANY "RELIEF" WORRIES

Federal old age, blind and orphan relief funds may be withheld from California's 58 counties after March 1, 1938, unless certain of the smaller counties of the state are willing to abide by certain minimum personnel standards as urged by Washington, D. C., officials.

Riverside county is itself threatened, although its standards of employing workers in the bureau of welfare and relief are above the recommended minimums, because the entire state must approve the standards with unanimity, it was asserted.

According to Supervisor Walter V. Pittman, who attended a statewide relief session of representatives of the California counties, several of the smaller northern counties fear ultimate control of local relief by federal authorities is the underlying motive behind the recommended standards.

The standards are based on a minimum of collegiate training or experi-

mark, and his fair treatment of the Indians has resulted in a vast improvement of conditions.

But it still galls the taxpayers that the whites and all others except the Indians on the reservation are evading property taxes, sales taxes, etc.

John W. Dady, superintendent of Indian reservations in Riverside county; Special Agent Quackenbush and others in the Indian Affairs Bureau are working with Chairman Coffman and his committee in the effort to finally work out a satisfactory plan for the handling of the Palm Springs tangle. When Congress meets for the regular session in January, passage of the legislation for the sale of the Indian lands will be pressed with vigor.

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ence by relief workers before being employed. Riverside always has hired workers on such a basis, welfare and relief officials say.

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TUNNEL STRIKER GETS 15 MONTHS

Sheldon W. Brown, Metropolitan aqueduct striker already sentenced to nine months in the county industrial road camp on misdemeanor charges, was ordered incarcerated for 15 months by Superior Judge William Dehy at Riverside on a felony assault charge Wednesday.

However, the sentences may run concurrently with the other term, it was specified by the jurist.

Brown was accused with assault likely to produce great bodily injury based upon an incident in which T. S. Furlong, of Banning, aqueduct workman, was set upon and beaten by a band of strikers.

Judgment on both charges for

which Brown was found guilty by separate juries granted two-years' probation, with the prison camp sentences as terms of the probation.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Neal yesterday moved into their new home in Palm Springs Desert Estates. Mr. Neal is a member of the local staff of the Nevada-California Electric Corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Allen have as their house guest, Mr. Allen's mother, Mrs. W. R. DeBolt of Ontario. The Allens live in the Colburn house on Arenas road.

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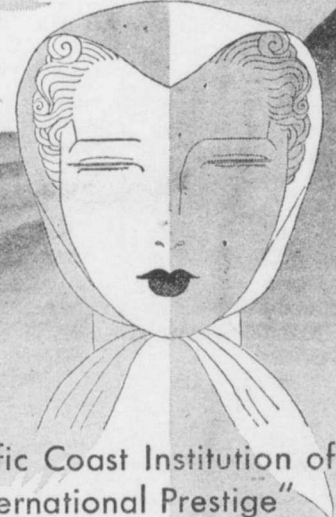
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The Editorial Circuit Rider

Proposed return of music at meal times for Folsom prison's convicts and use of inmate orchestras for outside dances brought severe criticism from many California editors.

Prisoners at the penitentiary, it was pointed out, are not poor unfortunates who have broken some law of society, but for the most part are hardened criminals convicted of at least two felonies.

"Warden Clyde Plummer of Folsom," said the Stockton Independent, "is apparently under the impression that he is a Gilbert and Sullivan prison warden, and is handling men who will dance off the stage at the end of their act and become ordinary citizens. In allowing prison musicians to leave the walls to play at a dance, and to take one of them from punishment cell to do it, is to invite another Thanksgiving massacre, or a wholesale break that will loose on a defenseless community a horde of desperate men who will go to any ends to continue a dearly bought freedom."

"Obviously," notes the Woodland Democrat, "a mistake was made in the selection of a new warden at Folsom. The 'breaking out' of four convict-musicians, upon orders of the warden, so that they might furnish the syncope of a high school dance, has the governor and his advisors very much out on a limb . . . a limb that is likely to break in two at any time. In fact, they'd not be surprised if Mr. Plummer equipped the 2000 or more 'two-termers' with pistols and rifles and invited them all to regular target practice."

Declaring "men are not sent to Folsom prison as a means of gaining musical experience or fame," the Turlock Daily Journal queries:

"Just what explanation would Mr. Plummer give if a dance band suddenly broke for freedom, as did a group of other Folsom convicts a short time ago, and instead of killing a guard and a warden, killed a couple of ordinary citizens attending the dance?"

"Of course," comments the Bakersfield Californian, "music hath charms, charms to soothe the savage breast. Everybody knows that, even the new warden of Folsom prison, whose recent appointment caused wide criticism over the state. But perhaps the critics fail to realize what a nice man the new warden really is. So he is going to prove it to them. No more will the 'tough guys' in Folsom eat their meals amid unbroken silence. There is going to be music, the directing head having arranged for a convict orchestra which will function while fellow convicts dine."

The warden, according to the Oroville Mercury Register, "does not understand discipline, either of convicts or of his own force, and he will soon have a force of dissatisfied subordinates on his hands, unable to work with him for the good of the state's business. Attending a dance, he decides that radio music is no good, but instead of going out to hire musicians, as the rest of us must, he sends into the prison for four 'two-termers.' He seems to forget that the convicts of Folsom are dangerous criminals who, if they were less dangerous, would be in San Quentin."

Fair play for Plummer was advised by the Marysville Appeal Democrat, however, pointing out many not favorable to his appointment, "have accepted the dictates of what appears to be political expediency if not definite policy. Others are disposed to make Plummer's seat a hot one, attacking him for every move he makes or every word he utters. It may be that Plummer is an innocent victim. To give him a chance would be sporting."

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CHURCHES OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon on Sunday in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

In a Scriptural selection in the Lesson-Sermon, these verses from Daniel are included: "Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. . . . Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, and said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me."

One of the passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, includes the statement: "For three years after my discovery, I sought the solution of this problem of Mind-healing, searched the Scriptures and read little else, kept aloof from society, and devoted time and energies to discovering a positive rule. The search was sweet, calm, and buoyant with hope, not selfish nor depressing."



The F. S. Allen and D. W. Minet families are really enjoying their stay at Caliente Cottages.

A Tribute to Mrs. Gertrude Coutts

A beautiful tribute was paid to Mrs. Gertrude Coutts Wednesday afternoon at her funeral by Dr. John Robertson Macartney in the Palm Springs Community church. Dr. Macartney said:

When earth's last picture is painted
And the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colors have faded,
And the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest—and faith, we shall need it—
Lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of all good workmen
Shall set us to work anew.

And those who are good shall be happy;
They shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten league canvas
With brushes of camel's hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from
Magdalene, Peter and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting
And never grow weary at all.

And only the Master shall praise them,
And only the Master shall blame,
And no one shall work for money,
And no one shall work for fame,
And each for the joy of the working
And each in his separate star
Shall draw the thing as he sees it
For the God of things as they are.

My friends, these words were spoken less than a year ago when we were assembled to take note with appreciation of the gifts and talents of one of our most notable citizens, Gordon Coutts.

At that time the artistic world suffered a grievous loss.

The little flock he left behind have been carrying on bravely under the devoted protection of the lovely and talented mother.

Rejoicing because of the coming of the distinguished artist and life-long companion of Gordon Coutts, to spend the winter in Palm Springs, all were contemplating eagerly renewed activity in the studio and gallery of the Coutts home.

On Sunday night almost at the very hour when Jeane was taking the beautiful part of the Madonna in the Christmas pageant here, tragedy fell, swift as lightning from the blue sky and the beautiful soul of Gertrude Coutts was taken from our midst.

And now the freshening flowers of hope are blighted as by a frost. And our hearts are numb with pain and our lips without words to express our sense of bereavement and loss.

Our compassions overflow with tenderness toward the startled and bewildered brood left without nature's protector.

The ways of Providence are past finding out. All we know is that a rarely gifted and beautiful soul has gone.

To be both mother and companion and teacher of her children is the lot of few women. To have been brought up in that unusual atmosphere where art and culture prevailed, assures the future of these young lives.

He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb will not permit doors of safety and opportunity to be closed against them. Love and appreciation for these gifted souls who have gone, will find a way.

We feel assured the mantle of talent and ability will rest upon them. That they will adorn with beauty the lives of their parents, and fulfill their high hopes as they shall watch their unfolding lives from the galleries of the skies where the great artist of the universe mixes his colors and spreads daily and by night his majestic canvases and panoramas of glory.

It has been a most unusual career, that of Gertrude Coutts. Training for an operatic career, love diverted it into the avenues of art and travel and the home.

London, Morocco, Australia, Morocco again, and then Alhambra, where Jeane Alhambra Coutts was born, and then Palm Springs.

So rich a background, with contacts in the highest realms of life. She whom we mourn today had tasted of most of life's supreme joys. Youth, art, beauty, travel, love, and best of all, motherhood.

Her place will be missed in our midst. Those of you who were privileged to enjoy her friendship realize how inadequate are any poor words of mine to compass this situation.

Gracious, vivacious, gifted in conversation, devoted to her household, true to her friends, we lay these wreaths today.

Jack the Hatter drove into town this week for a few hours visit, and then drove on to Holbrook, Arizona, where he and his wife will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. They will return to Palm Springs on January 3.

Mrs. Jessie Hartman, secretary in the office of the Nevada-California Electric Corporation, accompanied a party of Indian friends to Boulder Dam last week-end.

License to wed has been issued at Riverside to William H. Beachman and Beatrice M. J. Leckie, both of Palm Springs.



Lions Club Notes

Lion Raymond Cree was chairman-of-the-day at the regular weekly luncheon meeting of the Palm Springs Lions Club held Thursday noon at Carl's Restaurant in the Plaza, Lion President Joe Schobe presiding. The Honorable Nelson Dilworth, member of the California State Assembly from Riverside County, was the principal speaker.

A mock trial was held in which Lions Ralph Nesmith and Francis Crocker were charged with criminal action. Raymond Cree was judge at the trial. Elmer Collier was attorney for the people and H. H. Quackenbush was the attorney for the defense. A lot of fun was had by both the participants in the trial and the members of the club. Court was adjourned until next week's meeting.

The Christmas presents brought to the meeting last week and this week by the members of the club were turned over to the Friendly Aid committee of the chamber of commerce.

Assembly Dilworth discussed some of the highlights of the last session of the state legislature, giving the club some of the inside story on action taken at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crocker, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Neal, Mrs. Jessie Hartman, H. P. Iselin, and W. E. Somerville, all members of the local staff of the Nevada-California Electric Corporation, attended the premiere opening of the Indio Theatre Wednesday evening. They were guests



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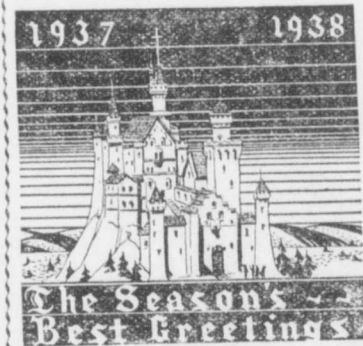
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Mrs. Dodge To Remain In County Service

Mrs. Jane Dodge, who was relieved of her duties as county welfare head, will stay in the service.

Before a delegation of determined citizens who opposed the change in directorship of the bureau of welfare and relief, the board of supervisors Monday affirmed the appointment of

T. E. Murray of Norco to the position and then named Mrs. Jane Dodge, outgoing director, as supervisor of social servicing of the department.

Murray will receive an annual salary of \$2850 until possible amending of county ordinance, while Mrs. Dodge will be paid \$2400 year; it was indicated.

The vote was 3-2, with Chairman W. C. Moore, who declined to vote last week, casting the deciding ballot for Murray. Siding with Supervisor E. C. Talbot, who made the motion to rescind the dismissal was Supervisor Walter V. Pittman, who reversed his former stand of favoring the change in directorship.

The matter was brought up for reconsideration by the supervisors when Mrs. Grace Bradley appeared to ask the reason for last week's dismissal of Mrs. Dodge, declaring she was dissatisfied with last week's statement by Supervisor Ralph Stanfield that "this is a man's job."

Stanfield then read a prepared statement, offering five reasons for his attitude for the new appointment, as follows:

1. That complex duties of the office had gotten out of Mrs. Dodge's control.

2. There has been a discourteous attitude among employees of the department to persons seeking relief.

3. Defective hearing handicapped Mrs. Dodge's activities to a too great extent.

4. Certain employees loitered at the corner drug stores instead of tending to business.

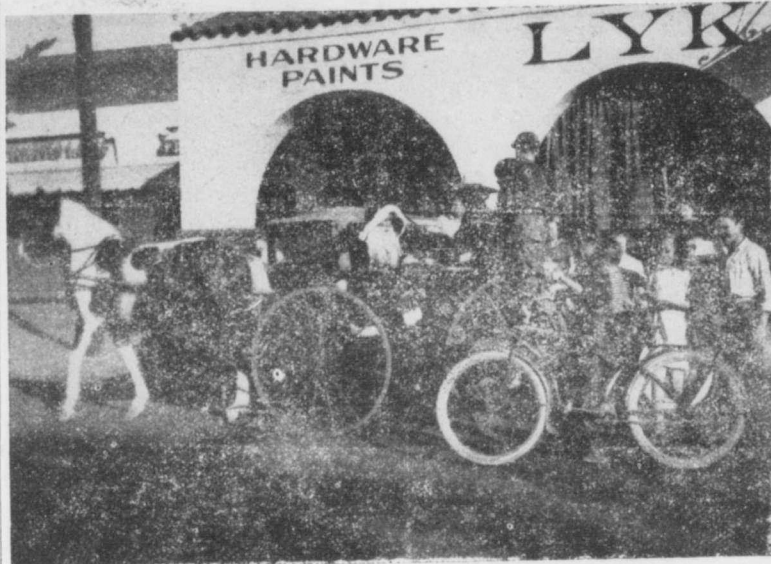
5. Advantage was taken of lump sum salary budgeting to the department, and favored welfare workers received as many as four increases in pay between Jan. 1 and June 1, 1937.

Talbot's motion that the action be rescinded came after he had declared that in his belief the supervisory action had been too hasty.

"Mrs. Dodge has a good record, and her department has been handled properly," Talbot asserted.

Pittman seconded the motion and then took to his feet to declare:

"I wish to apologize and admit that I have made a mistake. Investigations I have made show that Mr. Murray's Corona district has the highest amount of relief to aliens in the county. On this basis I am now against his appointment."



Three weeks ago Santa Claus came to Palm Springs on an inspection tour. He arrived by airplane and came from the airport to Lyken's Department Store and the Palm Springs Drug Co. in the rig shown above. Here he is shown alighting from the buggy in front of Lyken's.—Photo by Barbara Clatworthy.

Sun Spots

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the first to protest, did the noble thing, rushed in to stop Austria. Where are the great men of Russia today who led that nation in its righteous war? They, and all the other men and women of brains who lived in Russia at that time, have been assassinated by the enemies in their own country.

Near the close of the World War Russia probably had no more Reds than we have in America today, but those Reds waited until their country was weakened by war, and then struck. As long as the country was strong they dared not attempt to overthrow the government.

If America should fight Japan, she might also have to fight strong Italy. But the irony of it all is that America would be allied with Communist Russia and Communist China, which in itself would give encouragement to the communists in America. Would it be easy to combat here the form of government our allies were trying to foist upon the rest of the world?

If some one slapped my face, I believe I would slap his—unless I

feared that slapping might result in the destruction of my family and my neighborhood. In that case I would accept his apologies and keep my hands in my own pockets. If I knew there were members of my own family ready to stab me in the back as soon as I had my hands full in an outside fight, I believe I would try to straighten out my own family first, and I would have nothing to do with the outsider who was trying to cause me trouble. I'd boycott and starve him if I could and let him perish by his own hand.

America should have the strongest army, navy, air force, and also the strongest police force, in the world, to protect the nation from the enemies within, as well as those on the outside. The safety of the world depends upon that.

This isn't a cheerful Christmas message, but while we are chanting "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Man," it might be well to be practical in order to maintain that peace, at least in America.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

Uncle Sam need not complain that Santa Claus has forgotten him this year. Already the European diplomats at Brussels have given him a whole bag to hold.—Ex.

EXTRA!

2 Injured in Airplane Crash This Afternoon

At one o'clock this afternoon, an airplane crashed on the desert, in San Geronio Pass, about 12 miles northwest of Palm Springs. Claude Dallas, of Fellows, California, is in critical condition with internal injuries and two broken legs. He may die. Monty Allen, of Exeter, California, formerly of Washington, Indiana, is also in serious condition, suffering from a broken leg, and a dislocated hip on the other side of his body.

The two young men were westbound and the accident occurred while they were fighting a strong headwind in the pass. The plane in which they were riding was registered to Ray and A. C. Paul. Both young men were taken to the Banning hospital by Wiefels ambulance.

Alcohol and Hay Don't Mix

Three dude cowboys who had ridden into a few too many cocktail lounges created quite a sensation in the village last Saturday noon when they trotted their horses up and down the sidewalks of the town and sent pedestrians scurrying to safety for fear of being trampled on by the horses' hoofs.

The cutting-up ended, however, when the local police arrived on the scene, called by some of the irate merchants. But this was not until one of the riders and his mount had fallen heavily to the pavement.

Under the urging of his rider one of the horses was jumping from the curbstone to the street when his left

rear leg caught in the bumper of a parked automobile. The animal was thrown to the street, his rider being caught beneath him.

After some little effort on-lookers managed to release the rider's leg from under the horse and then succeeded in freeing the horse's leg from the bumper of the car. The animal was uninjured, but it was quite apparent the inebriated rider had sprained his leg.

Jeers and boos from all those assembled greeted the unidentified "cowboy" as he was aided to the sidewalk, and a great deal more concern was shown for the condition of the pony than for the rider.

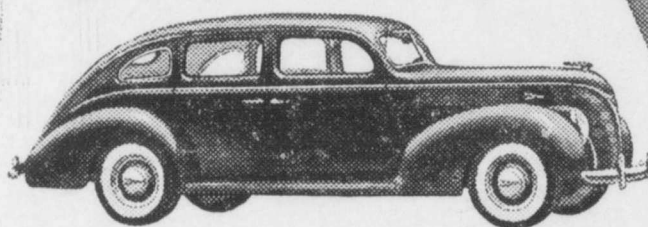
It's a lot of fun when Cupid shoots you with a little dart but not so good when the divorce court harpoons you with a decree for alimony.—Ex.

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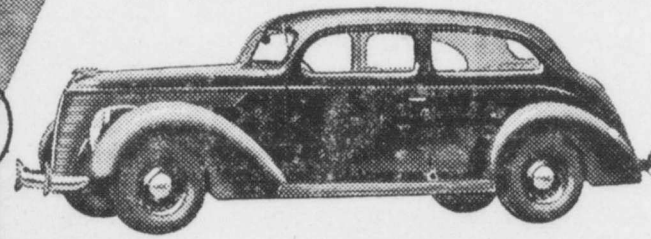
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Santa Claus Will Actually Come Down Chimney

Mrs. Dovie Golden Colley, charming hostess at El Mirador, has been as busy as a bee the past month preparing for old Saint Nick's arrival. She has had the bellboys climbing up and down the chimney, cleaning it out thoroughly, and this year he is really coming down the chimney.

It has been reported that due to the desert sands and lack of water, he will leave his reindeer in the mountains and will come to El Mirador with two pack burros loaded with toys for the children and guests.

To celebrate his arrival, the lobby has been decorated entirely in silver and blue. Silver garlands cover the ceiling and silver and blue bells and wreaths decorate the colonnades. There is a large silver tree trimmed with blue lights in the center of the lobby. The dining room is done in red and silver poinsettia motif. All the walls are decorated in this same color combination of red and silver and on each table is a miniature Christmas tree of silver and red.

Little Joan Ferrin and her brother, Eddie Mar, of Portland, Oregon, have been appointed to the welcoming committee for Santa and Joan will recite for Santa and the guests. Gil Kuhn, former captain of the USC football team, is coming to El Mirador to sing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve. He will be accompanied by Les Parker on the piano. Mr. Parker is known for his famous orchestra which is now playing at the Wilshire Bowl.

Fatal Accident Near Beaumont

The victim of the automobile accident on the new Riverside-Beaumont highway, near Beaumont, Saturday night, was identified early Sunday morning as Miss Hazel Samuelson, 2747 East Second street, Long Beach, an employe in the state department of vocational standards in Los Angeles.

With Miss Samuelson in the car was Dr. Carl H. Gans, who owned the car and was taking Miss Samuelson to Indio. Gans suffered a broken arm and severe shock.

According to investigators, skid marks for a considerable distance showed the car to have been weaving precariously from side to side of the highway at a point where it winds through the hills near the San Jacinto cutoff. Apparently it then left the road, rolling over and over and hurling Miss Samuelson through the top. Her body was found lying in the highway more than 25 feet beyond the wrecked machine.

At El Mirador

Spending the week at El Mirador were Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gifford of Pasadena and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Gifford. The young Giffords are ardent tennis fans and are spending most of their time on the new tennis courts. Also from Pasadena was George Ogle and his two sons, Alden and William.

From San Francisco were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold R. Bowhay, Mrs. G. Schumacher, Mrs. J. T. Mannix and Mrs. J. S. O'Callaghan, also Mrs. Irving Lindberg, wife of the famous Nicaraguan manager of finances, who is spending the winter here.

Guests for the holidays from Portland, Oregon, include Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Woodard. Mr. Woodard is president of the Silver Falls Timber Company of Portland. With them is Mrs. W. N. Ferrin, Jr., and her two children, Eddie Mar and Joan, also of Portland.

From Beverly Hills to spend the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Kirchhofer, accompanied by Annabelle Perkins, formerly of the Flintridge School for Girls and now a Phi Phi at USC, and Katherine Perkins of the Flintridge School for Girls.

From Danbury, Conn., are Mr. and Mrs. William R. Porter and Mrs. W. E. Tallant and Miss Laura Tallant, also of Danbury.

From Piedmont, are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warner, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Simpson.

ARRIVALS AT EL ENCANTO

Among the guests at El Encanto are: Miss Shirley Ross, who has been enjoying a restful month at Palm Springs after her arduous work in Paramount's last picture, "The Broadcast of 1937." Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Darling—he the popular columnist on the Los Angeles Times, Miss Jean McDermott and Miss Mabel Herriman of Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Paganini and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Oliva of San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buckner of Hollywood who have been spending their honeymoon in Palm Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Hayes, Mr. R. Baird and son, Mr. Baird, Jr., Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kennedy of New York, their niece, Mrs. Herbert Welton of Los Angeles; Miss Betty Baldwin, Miss Helen Answorth, Miss Queenie Smith; Mrs. Sigel Seeman and Mrs. Louis Gensler, of Beverly Hills; Mrs. C. H. Perry, of San Francisco; Mrs. J. S. Jennings and young son, Glendale; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Overton, Mrs. L. M. Ford of Bel-Air; Mr. and Mrs. Lucius F. Chase, North Las Palmas, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Logan Chandler of the Talmadge apartments, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Raymond, Altadena; Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. M. R. Greer, U. S. N.

More Signatures Needed

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necessary that twenty-five per cent of the owners, regardless of the value of their properties, shall also sign.

Apparently it is not sufficient that signatures be obtained by mail, nor is there any practicable method other than that of obtaining signatures here in Palm Springs.

The circulators of the petition, Ludie Britsch, John Sprague and Dave Bixby, will be at the postoffice entrance each day between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock p. m. for acceptance of signatures, and at other times of the day or evening, including Sundays and holidays, engagements for them to call may be made by calling Palm Springs phone 4480.

Every one in Palm Springs, especially each one who has signed the petition, is urged to assist in procuring the signatures of non-residents whenever they may be in the community, even though they be here only for a short visit on week-ends or holidays. And as soon as winter residents return for the season they should be asked to sign the petition immediately, so that the necessary number of signatures can be obtained without further delay, and so that the proceedings for incorporation can be completed before the expiration of the present season.

For several years the citizens of Palm Springs have been considering incorporation and nearly all are strongly in favor of it, and the committee has intensely studied the question ever since its appointment more than a year ago, and has unanimously approved it.

It is felt that the community is a city in fact, and that it should be one by law. The large increase in population has brought many problems which can no longer be solved by groups of citizens, nor by committees appointed by mass meetings or civic bodies. Nor can the community longer depend upon the board of supervisors to solve the many intricate local problems of government. With only one representative from this district, the county seat far removed, and the board busy with the affairs of all of the other sections of the county, it is not possible for the supervisors to devote the time, nor is there sufficient provision of law, to permit them to administer the local affairs of the community.

Property interests are being jeopardized, betterments are being neglected, and necessary regulations for the benefit of all are becoming impossible.

Many who may be merely owners of a home in Palm Springs which they occupy only occasionally during the winter season may not appreciate the

dangers of longer remaining unincorporated. Some relying upon the location of their residences in a desirable section presumably restricted by provisions in their deeds may find, as some have already, that because of defects in such provisions, they are without any protection whatever.

Space will not permit of a detailed recital of the many advantages of incorporation; while the disadvantages are few. Many of the disadvantages of not being incorporated have been avoided only by the greatest effort on the part of earnest citizens working for the welfare of the community, but in many instances their efforts have not prevailed and it is becoming constantly more difficult for them.

Seemingly the principal objection is that of taxes. It is expected that there may be some increase, particularly in those areas outside of the police, fire and sanitary districts, but in return there will be an extension of these services to these areas. Within such districts there will be little, if any in-

crease. The maximum levy permitted by law, without a two-thirds vote, is one dollar a hundred and this sum has already been approached for these services alone.

An analysis of the general assessments and tax levies of all of the cities of California of the sixth class of 5000 population or less shows an average highest assessment of less than \$3,000,000.00 and an average levy of less than one dollar a hundred, while Palm Springs already has an assessment of more than \$5,000,000.00.

The most significant fact in respect to taxes is, that with few exceptions the owners of property with the highest assessed valuation have already signed the petition.

If incorporation is to be accomplished within a reasonable time it is necessary that as many more signatures as possible be obtained within the next two or three weeks, so remember the place, postoffice entrance, the time, ev-

ery day between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock p. m., and the telephone number, 4480.

Full-Time Clerk For Justice Court

Judge J. J. Fredericks, justice of the peace of San Geronimo township, announces the appointment of Mrs. Robert L. Wentworth to the position of full-time clerk in his office, effective with the advent of the new year.

The grand jury recommended the creation of a full-time clerk's position in the local court, as this court exceeds all other justice's office in volume of business in Riverside county. The county supervisors approved the recommendation of the grand jury.

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THINKING ALOUD

By TED HODGES

Scribble Inn Palm Springs.

I have a friend, a very dear friend: a man I admire extremely. He happens to be a Russian, once a captain in the Cossack Army. His father, a former governor of Siberia. His name, Vladimir Perfilieff. His intimates call him, "Vovo." A truer "soldier of fortune" never graced the title.

"Vovo" has been with Beebe to the depths of the seas—has flirted with the Arctic. The jungles of the Brazilian Matto Grosso have engulfed him for months. Royalty has honored him—his friends love him.

Now he paints and "moods"—mostly moods.

As we sat one morning, in his modest studio, in San Juan Capistrano with a samovar between us, I recall the hour about three a. m. He said to me, "Brother, my moods are my only possessions and they are priceless. Never do they take the form of bitterness or temper. I learned years ago they have no value. But, as you would say in your language—reflection. Quiet, peace, comfort."

As I sit here tonight, attempting to pen a column—the wind blowing a howling gale, sand biting into the sides of my trailer home moored out here in the desert. I am reminded of the snow, sleet and hail of an Eastern blizzard, and wandering thoughts bring back memories of the Yuletide of my youth. Yes, decidedly a mood; Vovo was right—priceless!

To me it visualizes as though only yesterday those Christmas Eves with the family. Mother, father, sister and brothers.

I can plainly recall mysterious packages, large and small, delivered to the house. They seemed to find a hiding place, which many concentrated snooping expeditions failed to reveal. Yes—we all believed there was a Santa Claus in those days.

The night before Christmas whispering from our rooms. Ssh! Ssh! There he is! Can't you hear him? Quiet, or you will scare him away.

Now I recall a youthful, illegible letter. If he would only bring me one of those sweaters, like the fellows who played football at Yale wore. Do you remember the type? White, heavy and thick. With neck so high — I think they were called—"Turtle." And they served just that purpose. On cold days you could slide down into them, leaving only the eyes exposed—grand for skating in zero weather.

Santa Claus answered that letter, even adding the big blue letter on the chest, "W"—my school. Even though I think I had just graduated from kindergarten. Letters in those days came just for the price—not at a price.

And then sister Amy. She so wanted a sweater, also. But light blue, to match her lovely eyes and beautiful blonde tresses. I am sure they were not so beautiful and lovely to me then, as she was my dictator in those days, also carried notes home from the teacher. Santa remembered Amy, also. And a prouder pair of peacocks never strutted a village Main Street on that Christmas morning.

I think sister's sweater frequently graced the manly chest of the "only one," which was the vogue in those days. But mine never deserted the woolen undershirt beneath—even in sleep, until mother and "suds" brought about a fearful parting, only to have it returned where a complete set of gymnastics were necessary to manipulate a tousled head through the once ample neck.

Then there was the "Blue Streak" bobbed—the elation of youth—when that winter she held the record over at Mountaineers.

The "W" sweater was so sturdy, I'll bet, it's somebody's garage now, polishing automobiles. And the record-holding "Blue Streak"—I wonder.

I wonder what has become of all those treasures, where the dreams of possession was life itself until good Old Santa jingled up to the house and shinned down the chimney. The feverish trembling and hopeful fingers ripped with abandoned those beautiful packages representing hours of affectionate toil, with fancy paper and festive colored ribbons. All gathered and saved as Santa would be coming back to collect them with the tinsels and all the ornaments from the tree.

Then a matter of small importance to small minds.

Wherever you may be, Dad — God bless you... and peace. Mother, your Yuletide reflections must be those of a heart and soul filled with the memories of those happy days when we

At The Desert Inn

Recent arrivals at the Desert Inn are Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Flynn, Beverly Hills; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Merritt, Paterson, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Margolin, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Miller, Los Angeles; Friend Sykes, London, England; Mrs. Clarke Wheeler, Sacramento; Mrs. Eugene B. Rodney, Beverly Hills; Ralph Davis, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Douglas, Los Angeles; Mrs. Irving Thalberg, Santa Monica; Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Bull, Winnetka, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Seattle, Wash.; Miss Mary Plummer, Toronto, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nowell, San Mateo, Calif.; Mr. C. N. Hill, London, England; Mr. Cady Wells, Santa Fe; Mr. and Mrs. Grantland Rice, Beverly Hills; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brook, San Francisco; Mrs. John Farson, Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. Cora Scovil, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. John Dawson, Hollywood; Mr. Harold Schilling, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Richards, Altadena.

Desert Sun Beams

Visiting at the El Mirasol over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Strom of Santa Monica and Chicago, with a party of five other guests. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shearer of Beverly Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Goshen of Vallejo.

Dick Bill is coming down from Santa Barbara to spend Christmas with his brother Geoffrey Bill of Tweeds & Weeds in the Plaza.

Simon Simone was seen buying slacks at the Tailored Lady last week.

Mrs. Eric Blore was in the Tailored Lady and selected some very beautiful slacks and smart three-piece play suits.

The Honorable Anne Sempill, Sir John Lavery and Mr. Scudder Mersman were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ransom on Monday. Mr. Mersman, who is American Consul at Papeete, Tahiti, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ransom for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clune entertained at supper Sunday night, at their hillside home. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Ring, who have taken a house here for the season, Dr. and Mrs. Duncan of Los Angeles, Mrs. Elizabeth Adams and her house guest, Madame Romola Nijinsky, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns, Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Henry Burritt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ransom, and Mr. Scudder Mersman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Levie, of Denver, Colorado, have returned to their Casa Bernillian on Merita del Sur. Mr. Levie is head of the Neusteter Co. of Denver, largest women's fashion department store west of the Mississippi. House guests at the Levie home are the Neusteter family of Denver, Mrs. Jack Mack of New York City, and A. C. Friedman, of the Motor Bank, in Denver. The party were seen shopping in the Desert Garden Date Shop.

Mrs. Irving Thalberg (Norma Shearer) and her children, Katherine and Irving Jr., and the children's nurse, are spending a two weeks' vacation at the Desert Inn. Mrs. Thalberg and the children may be seen taking strolls down Palm Canyon Drive daily. Little Irving is learning to master the tennis racquet under the tutelage of Don Thompson, Desert Inn tennis pro.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, a group of Desert Inn guests drove up the Palm to Pines highway to Carrizo Camp ramada where a tasty barbecued chicken luncheon awaited them. Jim Donaldson sang cowboy ballads after lunch. Those who enjoyed the picnic were: Mrs. Mildred Meyers, Miss Barbara Douglas, Miss Eleanor Brown, Miss Frances Newland, Miss Anna Uncapher.

Vacationland, an exhibit building at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco Bay, will catalog the vacation spots of the west in dramatic displays.

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were kids and your face radiated in the joy which was so selfishly ours.

And so a—mood! A priceless mood, inspires my somewhat personal Yuletide offering. With it, however, there is created the wish—that you may all see the—GAY, HAPPY and SUNNY SIDE OF CHRISTMAS.

Moss Brothers Report Many Sales

Jack Moss of Moss Brothers, local Chevrolet dealers, reports that his organization has sold 15 new Chevrolets since October 1st.

Among the latest purchasers of new 1938 Chevrolets are Victor Arndt, local painter and decorator, and Katherine Pollak, associate of Raymond Cree. Arndt purchased a pick-up model truck to use in connection with his business, and Mrs. Pollak purchased a town sedan.

FILIPINO GOES ON RAMPAGE AT EL CENTRO

Civil war flamed anew from a two year-old grudge along Filipino row in El Centro Friday night and when the smoke cleared away two Filipinos lay stretched on the dirty floor of a Japanese pool hall, one dead, shot through the mouth, and the other dying, shot just over the heart.

Leo Navarro, about 30, was killed instantly and Jesus Rabara, 28, lay writhing in a pool of blood fatally wounded. He died five and a half hours later at the county hospital.

Charles Callejo, 28, confessed assassin dashed out of the door and ran to a waiting sedan and escaped in a shower of .44 slugs from the revolver of Sheriff's Deputy Park Burritt as the speeding automobile careened around the corner. He was captured three and a half hours later by Chief of Police Sterling Oswalt and Sheriff R. W. Ware and taken to the police station where he confessed to Police Officer Towney Sharp after only 10 minutes of questioning.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Batchelor and small daughter, Beverly, are occupying the Louisa DePont Carpenter house in Palm Springs for several weeks while Miss Carpenter is visiting her home in Wilmington.

WPA TERRITORY CONSOLIDATED

Dissolution of the fifth district of WPA, comprising San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial counties, was completed upon formal announcement from Los Angeles that a new Southern California district had been set up.

Under the direction of Col. Donald H. Connolly, formerly Los Angeles county WPA director, the new district was established upon authorization by Harry L. Hopkins, national relief administrator.

Under the new set-up Colonel Connolly has complete charge of Federal work relief operations in Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial counties.

Ralph B. Smith, who directed the fifth district, was named area manager for this territory, and Capt. Peter P. Goetz was appointed as Colonel Connolly's personal representative in San Bernardino.

The Santa Barbara-Ventura county territory will be operated as a "northern zone" of the Los Angeles district headquarters territory, with offices at Pasadena.

This action separates Southern California from the general state WPA program, giving it direct recognition from Washington and enabling Colonel Connolly to negotiate with FERA authorities at the national capitol in all matters pertaining to work relief employment in the southern counties.

Establishment of one of the largest WPA districts in the nation results from merger of the southern counties into an independent WPA unit.

Major Hohl has returned from his hunting trip in the northern part of the state. His description of the flood appearing elsewhere in this paper is most interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe H. Campbell of Solano Court made a hurried trip to Santa Barbara over the week-end, to visit a niece who has been quite ill in the hospital there.



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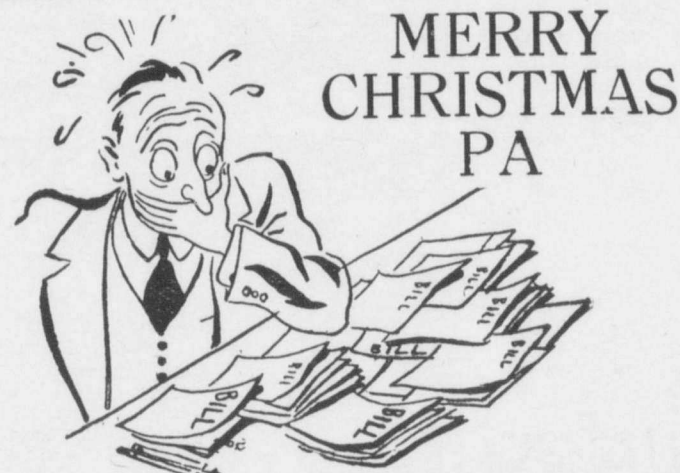


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THOUGHTS ON THINGS

(By Harvey Johnson)

Christmas is very near. It is a time for reflection. There are "wars and rumors of wars," and civilization may be at the crossroads. After all the theories have been tested; after the "isms" have crashed to doom, there will yet remain the everlasting faith of the human heart in that sweet, yet tragic, story of the Manger at Bethlehem. For two thousand years the hopes and dreams of civilization have been centered upon the belief in the story of Bethlehem, and the tragedy of the Cross.

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Whenever man loses faith in the Divine he loses all there is left in life and in the Eternity that is presumed to be across the horizon, which, veiled, we cannot and must not see from the shores of this terrestrial sphere.

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Christmas is not merely a time to make the hearts of children glad. It is a time when the bells and carols stir in the soul and conscience of mankind a realization of the sacredness of the Yuletide season, and man's helplessness to help himself.

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Throughout Christendom the carols will be sung; at midnight throughout the world the bells will be ringing. There will be joy and hope and peace in the hearts of millions. They will be better prepared after that, although living in an age of chaos and perplexities, to go forth unafraid.

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And somehow at Christmas time the bitterness of the soul toward those who have wronged us is remembered—for a little while at least—no more. We are apt to feel a little more patience and forbearance—even for the once trusted friends who have thrust a dagger through our hearts and crucified those, once dear, on the cross of selfishness and ingratitude.

* * *

Somewhere along the path of Life one's feet have touched the thorn; somewhere too the sun has shone and happiness reigned; and somewhere too there have been sorrows and disappointments. Christmas is a time to forget the chaff to glory in the quality and fineness of the wheat and gold; forgetting the dross which is as fleeting as the winds.

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The Christmas tree is symbolic. Following right here is a Christmas tree in type, without any gifts, except that one best gift of all: "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

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I
am
the
Christmas
Tree,
oldest, best
beloved of all the
trees of earth. For many
long centuries I have lived in
the hearts and
homes of
men, and for the children
of men, seeking to sooth and to
sustain, and to inspire with new hopes
the poor and oppressed. Millions of aching,
lonely
little hearts
have turned to me, often in
the bitterness of sad disappointment,
and I have tried to comfort them. In tender
sympathy my leaves have fallen upon their heads, as
the gentle Savior's pitying
tears fell upon the upturned faces
of the children of Galilee, when He lived
among men. And so long as time shall last I shall
live, seeking ever to be a joy and a comfort to all who
need me. I am the ever old and wise,
ever young and gay, the

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CHRISTMAS TREE

NO WORRY

Sponsors of the new farm bill admit that they don't know how much it will cost Uncle Sam. Well, why worry about that so long as we can raise the down payment?—Ex.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

At a junior meeting Monday, during special hour the class discussed rings. They are going to have T. V. Allen make them.

"Johnny Goes Haywire" is the play to be given in Palm Springs with students from there in the roles.

"Hold Everything" is the play to be given in Banning with Banning students in the roles.

Tryouts were held yesterday at noon and final choices will be made today.

A Girls' League meeting was held on December 16, in the gym. A Christmas program was given by the girls' chorus and two Christmas poems were read by Ann Schunk and Jean Houser. The meeting was ended by community singing and class yells.

A large group attended the annual Christmas program given last Sunday, by the combined glee clubs and new trumpet sextet. Marion Bird Barbour, the accompanist rendered two selections on the organ, and Miss Marjorie Coombs played the violin obligato in Joseph Dearest, one of the numbers by the girls' glee club.

Due to the efforts of Mr. Hanks, the debate club will meet debaters from other schools in the Riverside County League.

Letters and pins will be awarded for diligent work in the club.

The national topic for high school debate is: Resolved, That the several states should adopt a unicameral system of legislation.

The debate to be given January 3 will be on the topic: Resolved, That the A. F. of L. system of labor organization is superior to that of the C. I. O. Participants in the debate are: Robert Thompson and William Gibbs, affirmative, and Leonard Coombs and Stanley Craig, negative.

Joe Pawling has entered the biology class and is taking up the work with enthusiasm. Enrollment in biology is now 34.

Interest in science classes is shown by the fact that Dr. Philip Abelson of U. C. has been able to add two new elements, Nos. 93 and 94, by smashing the Uranium atom.

"ALL SET!"

Insiders say Roosevelt will not run again unless an emergency requires it. It is understood that plans for the emergency are being made now. —Buffalo News.

The inter-class girls' basketball games came to a close last Friday when the sophomores beat the freshmen team. The freshmen also were beaten by the junior-senior team. The sophomore team, who won the championship, is made up of the following girls: Theda Watson, Betty Chambers, Carrie Wahl, Dora Stanfield, Jean Johnston, Muriel Duffy, Bonnie Hinkle, Rena Henderson and Zelma Crews.

The Christmas annual staff dance has been canceled because of inability to rent the Odd Fellows' hall. We are planning to have an annual staff Valentine dance, however.

Thursday, December 23, at noon, Christmas vacation will begin, and will end Monday, January 3, 1938. To you, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The following pupils received all A's and B's for the second six weeks of school, ending December 10, 1937:

Freshmen — Mary Brown, Frank Grande, Laurallice Kryder, Richard Outcault, Donald Pendery, Virginia Valentine.

Sophomores — Mary Allen, Jack Andrew, Betty Chambers, Muriel Ducey, George Ellis, Bonnie Hinkle, Marjorie Leach, Alfred Scriven, Howard Wiefels.

Juniors — George Bundick, Philip Germain, Charles Harrington, Jean Houser, Chloris Jellison, Betty Mathes, Lois McCann, Marie McDermott, Thelma Pickerill, Ann Schunk, Juanita Schuster, Robert Thompson, Robert Watson.

Seniors — Mona Andrew, Marjorie Boehl, Anne Curry, Ruth Guyer, Kathryn Hopper, Claude Moore, Harry Trotter, Margaret Watson and John Young.

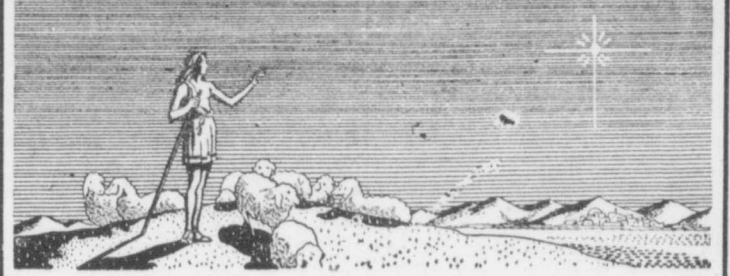
Specials — Regina Bruce, Wayne Fenderson, Carolyn Forbes, Helene Mihelich, Mrs. Sara S. Schunk, Betty Wilson.

The following received all A's: Freshmen — Virginia Valentine; sophomores — Betty Chambers; juniors — George Bundick; Jean Houser; specials — Wayne Fenderson, Betty Wilson, Carolyn Forbes.

THREE-THIRDS

The present solicitude for the "submerged third" is responsible in no slight degree for a situation which threatens to drown all three-thirds. —Boston Transcript.

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Gala Revue on Plaza Stage, Xmas Day

On Christmas afternoon and Christmas night thirty children of the Roy Gordon School of the Theatre will present a special Christmas revue packed with talent and colorful with beautiful costumes.

The revue promises to be a highlight of the holiday season. Local children appearing in the revue include Tony Lowe, Pat Scriven, Betty Jo Thompson and Pat and Nichol Mutacio, Donna Newman, Shirley Blackman, Charm Bollin, Bill Rabb, Richard Brown, Little Master Allen. Little Charm Bollin will do a newsboy number in the Christmas show. The child has real talent, and she may be a future Deanna Durbin.

The revue will also include star Gordon School performers from San Diego and Los Angeles.

On the same bill, on the screen, will be Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney and

Village Tract Selling Fast

Recent sales in the Palm Springs Village Tract:

Judge Wilbur F. Downs of Long Beach purchased two lots in Unit No. 2. Judge Downs sold his home a short time ago in the south part of the village and purchased for future development.

A large corner estate on Racquet Club Road was sold to William Fisher of Saskatchewan, Canada.

Florence McCarthy, a recent visitor from Naples, contemplates extensive improvements on her two lots purchased in the income division of this fast growing section.

Roland Sinclair in "Thoroughbreds Don't Cry."

A new production company, Nance Kosloff Productions, Inc., is sending a scout to look over the child talent.

At the Palm Springs Theatre

CAROLE LOMBARD AND FREDERIC MARCH SET NEW RECORD FOR EPIC BATTLES IN "NOTHING SACRED"



FREDERIC MARCH AND CAROLE LOMBARD

Not since the days when Tom Santschi and William Farnum clashed in a superhuman battle for "The Spoilers," twenty-two years ago, has the screen witnessed a struggle as great as the one between Carole Lombard and Frederic March in the David O. Selznick technicolor production, "Nothing Sacred," directed by William A. Wellman, which is playing at the Palm Springs Theatre for four days, Friday (today), Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Meeting in a hand-to-hand encounter in the first knockdown fight between a man and woman ever filmed, Miss Lombard and March kicked, punched, shoved and wrestled each other for an entire day, at Selznick International Studio. For three hours in the morning they rehearsed. Then for five hours, from different camera angles, they flew at each other, fists and feet flying, furniture, vases and bric-a-brac were smashed.

The scene is typical of the fast, hilarious pace of the screen play written by Ben Hecht, from a story by James N. Street. Throughout the picture the stars give and take punishment.

In other scenes, Miss Lombard and March are sitting at ringside during a wrestling match. Into their laps, breaking the chairs upon which they are sitting, are dumped "Bad Ben" Morgan, 315 pound wrestler, Hans "The Terrible" Steinke, 240, and Referee Mickey McMasters. The squirming mass of humanity wrestles on them and over them, then back to the ring again.

Another series of shots finds the stars swimming around in twelve feet of water, fully clothed. There was no fooling about these. Miss Lombard and March jumped in, and stayed wet during a day and a half of shooting. Yet another time they were stuffed into a packing case, and in that cramped space enacted a scene before jumping to the rear of a speeding fire engine and riding home.

Other players who add to the fun and hilarity in "Nothing Sacred" are Walter Connolly, Charles Winniger and Maxie Rosenbloom who appear in featured roles.

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Eddie Peabody, "HULA HEAVEN"
Mickey Mouse, "DONALD'S OSTRICH"

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY . . . Dec. 28-29
PAT O'BRIEN and GEORGE BRENT
"SUBMARINE D-1"

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THURSDAY and FRIDAY . . . Dec. 30-31
REX BEACH'S
"THE BARRIER"

with Leo Carillo, Jean Parker, James Elison and Otto Kruger
PETE SMITH—"ROMANCE OF RADIUM"

Travel, "CHILE, LAND OF CHARM" LOEWS NEWS OF THE DAY

SATURDAY and SUNDAY . . . Jan. 1-2
"MANHATTAN MERRY-GO-ROUND"
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Travel, "COPENHAGEN"
LAUREL & HARDY, "THE PERFECT DAY"

— COMING ATTRACTIONS —
"Borrowing Trouble," "Rosalie," "Life of Emile Zola," Second
Honeymoon," "Artists and Models," "Wells Fargo"

"TOBACCO ROAD" AT PLAZA THEATRE NEW YEAR'S EVE—TWO PERFORMANCES



John Barton as Jeeter Lester, Florence Gerald as Ada and Sondra Johnson as Pearl in "Tobacco Road"

What is a "Tobacco Road?"

Ever since the announcement was made that Jack Kirkland's history-making stage play of the poor whites of Georgia would be presented at the Plaza Theatre for two performances, at 8:30 and 11:15 p. m., on New Year's Eve, December 31, box office attaches have been asked many times if the title of the play had any significance.

At a matter of fact there is a real reason for calling the play "Tobacco Road." Erskine Caldwell, author of the original novel on which Jack Kirkland based his play, explains that in the early days of the great plantations in Georgia, barrels and hogheads, tightly packed with tobacco leaves, were rolled over ridges down to the Savannah river for shipment. The rough roadway thus made was called a tobacco road and in time, with usage, became a permanent highway.

In the play the setting shows the farm of Jeeter Lester, the middle-aged tenant, facing on one of these tobacco roads. Over this highway comes Sister Bessie, the middle-aged evangelist who promises the 16-year-old Dude a new automobile "with a horn on it" if he will marry her; Lov Bensey, the coal chute worker, with a sack of turnips which Jeeter promptly steals; Pearl, the 12-year old child wife, fleeing from her husband's home; and, finally, Captain Tim, the landowner's son, to tell the Lesters they must leave the land they love so dearly.

John Barton, noted dramatic and vaudeville star, heads the company which also includes such prominent Broadway players as Florence Gerald, Patricia Quinn, Pitt Herbert, Kay Thorne, William Bishop, Sondra Johnson, Dick Lee, Lillian Ardell, Rhett Townes and Walter Ayers.

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"THOROUGHBREDS DON'T CRY"
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PATHE NEWS

SUNDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY . . . Dec. 26-27-28
GRETA GARBO, CHARLES BOYER, REGINALD OWEN
— in —
"CONQUEST"
POPEYE—"PROTEX THE WEAKEST" UNIVERSAL NEWS
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY . . . Dec. 29-30
WARNER BAXTER
"BILLY THE KID"
PETE SMITH—"CANDID CAMERAMANIACS"
LOEWS NEWS OF THE DAY

NEW YEAR'S EVE . . . Dec. 31
ON THE STAGE
"TOBACCO ROAD"
with JOHN BARTON as JEETER LESTER
SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY . . . Jan. 1-2-3
CAROLE LOMBARD and FRED MacMURRAY
— in —
"TRUE CONFESSION"
Novelty—"POPULAR SCIENCE" Musical—"LET'S GO LATIN"
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Mailed as the most distinguished motion picture in which Greta Garbo has yet appeared, the Plaza Theatre announces with pride its forthcoming showing of "Conquest," stirring romance of the fabulous Napoleon Bonaparte and the women he loved, in which the glamorous Swedish star makes her first co-starring appearance with Charles Boyer, hero of "The Garden of Allah" and "History Is Made at Night."

"Conquest" plays at the Plaza Theatre, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 26, 27 and 28.

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Coffee, Donut and Dunk

Friends, let me introduce you to those three inseparable pals: Coffee, Donut and Dunk. When a cup of Coffee comes in proximity of a Donut you can expect Dunk to be on the job. For Coffee and Dunk-ing are inevitably tied up with the Donut.

If you're tired, run down, pepleless and unrelaxed, Dunk a Donut and be nonchalant. Realize, too, there are more vitamins in a ton of Donuts than there are in ten steaks, ten quarts of milk and a keg of beer. As an air-conditioned cookie and the easiest of all nuts to crack it is superlative. At times Dunk-ing and Coffee conflict with the chin, vest and sleeve, causing undue moisture and is regarded as poor manners, but this is offset by the good taste.

If all the Donuts that are made in a day went in for Dunk-ing, all at one time, there would be a tidal wave of Coffee sufficient to sober up all the nation's night-before celebrators, the morning after. All hail! to the foundry wherein these wheeled dainties are cast. Long live this holy industry.

News Notes of the Village:

Robert Junior Haynes and his wife, who have been living with his wife's people, have had to leave town on account of her parents having gone to live with the grandparents.

Johnny Clim looks as good as new since the accident when he slid past the new fire truck on his specks. The pavement came up half way to greet him with a s'car.

If the new gas tank springs a leak, we can depend on the lid of the Chamber of Commerce to check the fumes.

While a local vegetable tonsorial artist was administering to the looks of some shapely carrots, he slipped on a grape and fell landing on his grapefruit.

A Major I know, a graduate of the school of Mental Catastrophe, was a high pressured taxi salesman in town for two weeks too many. It is claimed he worked his way through school pushing a wheelbarrow upside down. He figured as long as he pushed it that way no one could put anything in it.

A promotion wizard squeezed through several rounds of advertising

Episcopal Church Services At Palm Springs Sunday

There will be a celebration of the Holy communion in the Community church, Palm Springs, on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 8 o'clock a. m. Celebrant, Lt. Col. the Rev. T. E. Swan.

Rodeo Group Decide on Gymkhanas

At a meeting of the Palm Springs Rodeo Association held at Rogers' Stables last Friday, where the members from each stable and guest ranch gathered to discuss the next gymkhana to be held the Sunday after Christmas, it was voted by the group that all events counting for points in the association would only be those held at the Field Club.

A set of rules and by-laws for the organization was presented by President Frank Bogert, and unanimously adopted. A committee to decide on the number of points before each show was appointed by the president and consists of Frank Bennett, Tex Miller, Travis Rogers, and Ash McDonald, with the president acting as ex-officio members. This same committee was appointed as an eligibility committee to decide on all cases whether or not a man is eligible in the shows.

Under the new ruling a Palm Springs cowboy is one who has been working at a stable for at least a week prior to the show, and this committee shall have final word in all cases as to his eligibility.

Members present at the meeting were Arol McKinney, Travis Rogers, Tex Miller, Ernie and Ash McDonald, Mary White, Mark Cantrell, Johnny Gardner, Johnny Vance, Frank Bennett, Pat Phrom and Beth Chase.

Before the meeting adjourned it was agreed the committee would meet with Frank Bennett at Deep Well Ranch to decide the points for the next show.

Robert Campbell of Berkeley will spend the holidays with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe H. Campbell of Solano Court.

Careful estimates indicate that 4,000,000 tourists will come to California in 1939 for the Golden Gate International Exposition.

on a carbon sepiu review he dated, but it turned out to be a carbon sepiu finished when he was floored for the necessary count of figures on his check.

Dear Santy:

A letter to you I am writing To tell you the things I want so And the stockings I'll hang by the fire Are for me, not mama, you know.

For mine are so awfully little, Dear Santy Claus, don't you see; And I want so many playthings, They won't hold enuf for me.

Really, I haven't been naughty, I've been as good as I can. You won't forget me Santy! Oh gee, you're such a nice kind man.

I'm leaving it up to you, Sweet Santy, Whatever I need, you can bring, If it's just a ball and a bat, Or a monkey that climbs up a string.

But there's things that make me feel better, Say, a new auto right up to the snuff, A radio, without those long payments, For installments are pretty darned tough.

I have many good friends, too, That want things from good old St. Nick.

If it's not so very much trouble, Just bring them a long candy stick.

Oh, gee, Santy, I've been dreaming, Forget all I wrote, you can, For I have ten hairs on my chest, And I feel that I'm quite a big man.

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Community Church Notes

Christmas Eve the Junior League will visit a number of homes where there are invalids or the lonely and sing their carols.

They will assemble at the church at 7:15.

The names and addresses of any who would enjoy a visit from these slugs may be sent to Dr. Macartney at the church.

On Christmas morning (Saturday) at 10 o'clock will be conducted the annual Christmas service. To which the entire community is invited.

Sunday morning at 8 o'clock Holy communion will be administered by Lt. Col. Rev. T. V. Swan of San Pedro of the Episcopal church.

It is anticipated that frequent Sunday morning communion services will be conducted for those residents and guests in our village of the Episcopal church.

Regular services of the Community church Bible school at 9:45.

Public worship with sermon at 11 o'clock.

Junior League at 6:15.

At 7:30 p. m. Dr. Macartney will give an illustrated service conducting the congregation through the Holy Land, depicting with slides from Jerusalem the sacred and interesting places visited during the past summer.

Appreciation is expressed by the church for the fine cooperation of the people of Palm Springs and visiting

guests who have made possible the installation of the fine new organ.

To those who provided the program last Sunday night, and the large number who brought White Gifts.

The church looked its loveliest, with wreaths and beautifully decorated tree.

Special gratitude is hereby tendered to the Desert Sun for its generous publicity for the church announcements and activities.

Herbert Carpenters Visit In Florida

Among prominent visitors recently arrived at the Pancoast hotel in Miami Beach, Florida, are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Carpenter, who will pass the winter months as usual in their desert home in Palm Springs. They arrived here from the Westchester Country Club, Rye, N. Y., of which they are members. During the summer season they were at their northern home in the White Mountains in Franconia, N. H. They will make a leisurely trip across the continent to Palm Springs, and will make their first visit after leaving Miami Beach at St. Petersburg, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have recently given a series of dinner parties in the Mediterranean room of the Pancoast, complimenting several groups of relatives.

Mrs. V. Gabriel Abbot and daughters, Deborah and Francilla, and Mrs. Abbot's mother, Mrs. F. I. Cooling, will go to Pasadena to spend Christmas with relatives.



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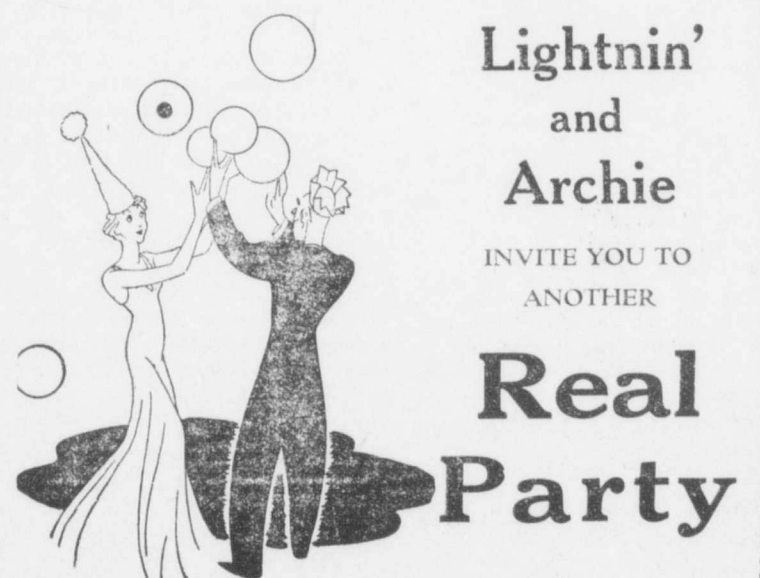
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H. S. Buildings To Get Start Next Monday

Stanley Wilson, architect for the high school buildings for Palm Springs and Banning, while here Monday stated that the contractors, Pinkerton & Jamison of Corona, will start construction on both buildings next Monday. About 50 men will be employed. The time limit under contract is 350 days. The contract price is \$266,000.00.

Federal aid will come in installments, as the buildings progress, until the final federal payment has been made.

Mr. Wilson, who visited San Francisco last week in connection with the federal grant, announces that all papers have been approved by the P. W. A. with instruction to the high school board to sign contracts.



From Carl N. Helmick, Scout Executive

Mr. E. I. Vredenburg, Assistant National Director of Health and Safety, Boy Scouts of America, from New York City, will speak on "The Health and Safety program of scouting related to the community" at Camp Evans, Riverside, at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1937.

Dr. W. A. Jones, chairman of the health and safety committee, of the Riverside County Council, Boy Scouts, has been invited to preside at the meeting.

In addition to the talk by Mr. Vredenburg, opportunity will be given for a discussion of local safety plans and questioning of the speaker.

Plans will be formulated for local celebration of Boy Scout Week, February 6th to 12th. The theme of Boy Scout Week is "Building A Stronger Generation," with three points of emphasis: "Physical Safety," "Mental Safety," and "Moral Safety." The program by scouts will include service to the community in the interest of safety.

All of those persons who are interested in health and safety are invited to attend. Please invite your friends.

Greetings From The President

President Roosevelt, himself active for the past sixteen years in the Boy Scouts of America of which he is now the honorary president, paid high tribute to the citizenship training aspect of the movement, in his Christmas and New Year message to the 1,076,055 Cubs, Scouts and leaders.

The President's greetings follow:

"The White House

"Washington.

"To the Boy Scouts of America:

"Membership in the Boy Scouts is one of the most important ways in which a boy may develop desirable traits of character and personality. The Boy Scout practices citizenship and secures valuable information in an interesting way—in a way that combines fun and enthusiasm for worthwhile work. At this Christmas season I want to extend to the Boy Scouts of America and to the individual members of that organization throughout the United States congratulations on the completion of another splendid year of work and best wishes for continuance of success during the New Year.

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

Mrs. Coffman Entertains Football Team

Mrs. Nellie N. Coffman gave a banquet for the Banning Union High School football team on Wednesday, Dec. 15, in the card room of the Desert Inn.

The guests were: Bob Watson, Homer Johnson, Wilbur Richardson, Bob McGonagle, Ralph Gilmore, Grant Johnson, Robert Hinkle, Bill Wilson, John Touchfarber, Buck Gardner, Bob Balleff, Bill Hubert, Romie Warren, Ted McKinney, John Austin, Gene Burson, and John Young—all members of the team; "Swede" Davis, manager; Franklin Kiech, coach; Dr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Cunnerson, principal of the school; Dr. and Mrs. Langston, team doctor; Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Cushman, referees; Clarence Oswald, master of ceremonies and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cree.

The table was beautifully decorated with green and white flowers and a miniature football field with goal posts was laid out in the center of the table.

Public Stenographer — Helen McEwen, Desert Sun Office, Phone 3594.

Supervisors Move To Legalize "Bookies"

The state district court of appeals at Los Angeles Tuesday ruled that direct wire betting agencies operating from California horse racing plants are not legal, nullifying a recent opinion of Attorney General U. S. Webb in which he took the opposite view.

The court decision was handed down in upholding the arrest and imprisonment of T. Goddard for operating a wire bookmaking establishment in Arcadia.

This may nullify the ordinance legalizing bets, passed Monday by the Riverside county board of supervisors.

Legalized bookmaking in Riverside county was moved up a bit, on Monday. The ordinance, licensing race track "investments" would not apply to incorporated cities within the county.

Race track bet bookmaking in Riverside county was placed under control of an ordinance passed unanimously by the board of supervisors and slated to go into effect Jan. 4.

Drafted by Dist. Atty. Earl Redwine, the law requires:

1. Payment of \$25 on making application for permit to operate to cover costs of advertising and posting.
2. Deposit of \$5000 bond to guarantee payment on winning bets.
3. Payment of \$400 annual license fee in advance.
4. Payment of five per cent of gross "take" by the operator, payable quarterly.
5. Supplying of all uncashed losing pari-mutuel tickets with the sheriff at regular intervals.
6. Supplying of certain daily reports of business transacted.

Original decision to place a \$1000 annual license fee on the bet operators was rescinded on recommendation of Redwine that such an amount would be held excessive by courts.

The factor of supplying uncashed bet tickets to the sheriff will guarantee that the operator will be perfectly "legal" under recent opinion delivered by Atty.-Gen. U. S. Webb, Redwine said.

The collection of fees was placed in the hands of the office of the county clerk, according to the ordinance which contains 25 sections.

Violation of the law carries a penalty of \$500 fine, six months jail sentence, or both.

Wedding of Local Couple at Yuma

Of interest is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Mabel Cowser of Banning, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Cowser of Farmington, Ill., to Willard M. Hanzlik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Hanzlik of Nuevo. The ceremony took place Saturday at Yuma, Ariz., with Rev. Arthur Summers, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of that city, officiating.

The bridal couple were accompanied to Yuma by William T. Cash of Riverside and Miss Mary Jean Sharp of Pasadena and Palm Springs, who acted as best man and maid of honor during the ceremony. After the exchange of vows the couple left on a short wedding trip. They plan to build a home in Palm Springs.

The bridegroom, a graduate of the Riverside junior college, is general manager of the Palm Springs Electric company. The bride is field nurse for the Mission Indian agency.

New York Honeymooners At Lloyd Simon Home

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Feist, newlyweds, of Fifth Avenue, New York, visited this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Simon. They came to the Southland on their honeymoon, and have been spending most of their time in Los Angeles and San Diego.

Mr. Feist is in the book publishing business, and was formerly a music publisher.

Mrs. Feist is a well-known artist, her paintings being on exhibition in New York City and Santa Fe, New Mexico. She studied painting under the famous art instructor, John Sloan.

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A Capella Choir Entertains at Desert Inn

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, the University of Redlands A Capella Choir delighted Desert Inn guests with a special program of Christmas carols arranged by Prof. W. B. Olds, head of the music department, who, conducting, presented the following numbers by the choir:

"Beautiful Savior," Christiansen; "Carillon," Noble Cain; "Kolyada," Russian; "Lullaby on Christmas Eve," Christiansen; "Sing Noel," Old French Carol; "Come and Adore," Old Basque Carol; "As Lately We Watched," Austrian folk song.

"A Christmas Chorologue," by W. B. Olds, which has been sung for the past six years at the Inn was sung by the group, and a solo, "Glory To God," by Gaines, was sung by Walter Lott. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," were sung as trio by Willa Bear, Dorothy Bear and Frances Stevens. A violin solo was played by Rowland Leach, head of the violin department, with Dr. Paul Risk, head of the piano department as accompanist.

COCKTAIL PARTY FOR OFFICERS

Mrs. Louise Webster and Mrs. R. B. Gage entertained a group of officers of the 63rd Coast Artillery with a cocktail party and dinner at the Desert Inn on Thursday, Dec. 16. The guests were: Lieutenants Carter, Massella, Kauffman, Scott, Spengler, Ward, Taylor, Halt, Maguire.

NOT IDLE

It is wrong to call this a do-nothing Congress. It spent seven and a half billion dollars.—Jewell County, Kans., Republican.

"Bull in China Shop" Gets a Merry Christmas

Like a bull in a china shop, a big cowboy from Colorado caused a commotion one day this week in one of the exclusive gift shops of Palm Springs.

He asked the manager if she wished to buy some confederate money.

"My goodness, no," she answered, for she understood him to say "counterfeit" money.

The cowboy, however, produced his roll of bills and leaned against a valuable showcase filled with antiques, as he explained the money was "confederate," not "counterfeit."

His huge bulk clumsily leaning against the showcase was too much for the delicate furniture. Down it came with a crash, scattering the merchandise all over the floor in the crowded store.

The manager calmly permitted the cowboy to help her pick up the merchandise and clean up the mess. When the excitement in the store subsided, she picked out a Christmas gift for the big westerner and calmly wished him a Merry Christmas and success in his search for a job, as he wished to sell his confederate bills in order to get back to his native Colorado.

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Donkey Baseball Game Gives Fans A Big Kick

Spectators at the Field Club last Sunday were given another entertaining afternoon when the Junior Chamber of Commerce staged their donkey baseball game. It was an afternoon of laughs and thrills and packed with gay entertainment.

The game was none the less glamorous that the movie star team did not show up—because the donkeys provided their share of bucking and kicking.

All players except the pitcher and catcher rode a donkey. The batter jumped on a donkey to ride to first base if he could stay on the bucking beast and get it to run—but you know donkeys. There were laughs aplenty. This is one kind of baseball where batting isn't everything!

The score? Well, it really doesn't matter. Some say it was 3 to 3—but there are just as many who say it was 6 to 0. The donkeys gave too good a show to worry anyone about keeping the score. The donkeys scored—and how!

Highlights of the donkey baseball game: Francis Crocker's long hits and vicious donkey riding; Freddie Watson's long fly—meaning Freddie himself flying through the air after being bucked off while trying to reach first base. Others who gave delicious exhibitions of how to fly from a donkey's back to the ground were: Bud Guthrie, Frank Bogert, Ernie Fors, Florian Boyd (the crowd wondered why Florian only came to bat once), Carl Bradsher, Chuck Mitchell, Al Gardiner, Earle Strebe, and other Junior Chamber boys.

Lavery Painting Of Palm Springs Arrives Here

Sir John Lavery's painting "Sunbathing at Palm Springs," which the artist painted here two years ago and was completed in England, arrived in Palm Springs last Monday. Sir John will uncrate it within the next week, he announced. The painting was sent here from the famed Carnegie Galleries in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where it was exhibited in what art circles call "the greatest international art show in the world."

Lavery was invited to exhibit the painting in the exclusive and important showing at Pittsburgh.

Sir John was inspired to paint the picture from a photograph taken of him and his sunbathing models by Ray Murray, Palm Springs publicity director.

Sir John was painting a picture of his granddaughter, Diana Dickinson, his secretary Lillian Pitchford and little Mary Gordon Coutts in the yard of the Coutts home here Murray snapped the picture of the group from a balcony of the Coutts home and the great Irish artist, upon seeing the photograph, was inspired to put it on canvas, six feet tall.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT LA CLASE

A fine Christmas program was rendered by the children as La Clase (The Classroom) last Wednesday afternoon, under the able and talented direction of the Misses Helen Thomas and Lee Higgins.

The first part of the program was given by both the kindergarten and primary as "Christmas Rhythms and Songs." The children sat under the Christmas tree, dressed as toys. As the rhythms and songs were played, the children acted out their representations. This group included the Misses Ann and Susan Oliver, Betsy Ann Caudill, Ann Tremaine; Masters Philip Borden, Frank Nilon, Michael Wells and Paul McQuon.

Following this, the older children presented, "The Birds' Christmas Carol." This group included the Misses Ann Thelma, Betsy Ann Caudill, Barbara Burritt, Jeanne Spitzel; Masters Michael Wells, Frank Nilon and Philip Borden. Finally, it was concluded with punch and cookies made by the kindergarten children.

WICKERD WILL REIMBURSE COUNTY FOR LOSS

Payment of \$190, representing county money stolen from the road camp office last year by an escaping prisoner, must be made by Superintendent E. C. Wickerd, the board of supervisors ruled, Monday. After hearing Wickerd explain the incident the board voted to follow the grand jury recommendation that the road camp superintendent personally make up for the loss.

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Grantland Rice At Desert Inn

Mr. and Mrs. Grantland Rice and their daughter, Florence, arrived at the Desert Inn a few days ago for a week's visit.

Mr. Rice, of "Sports World" fame, engaged Martin Zahn, Frank Condon, Saturday Evening Post writer, and Henry McLeMore of the United Press in 18 holes of golf on the desert golf course Monday morning.

Honeymooners At The Desert Inn

Mr. and Mrs. John Dawson (Velma Wayne) were married in Los Angeles on Saturday morning and came directly to the Desert Inn for their honeymoon.

Mr. Dawson comes from Chicago, and is well known as one of the top ranking amateur golf players of the country. Mrs. Dawson is popular in the younger set of golfers in Southern California. She is a California girl. They plan to spend six months of each year in California and the remaining six in Chicago. Both are enjoying the desert golf course daily.

XMAS BONUSES TAXABLE UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY

Christmas bonuses to employees are subject to Social Security taxes, according to an announcement made today by Nat Rogan, collector of internal revenue for Southern California.

"Such bonuses," stated Mr. Rogan, "are assumed to be for services rendered by the employees to their employers and as such are taxable. By the same token, the employees will receive credit in their Social Security accounts for the full amount. The fact that a bonus may be paid in the form of a proportionate percentage of the employer's gross business or may be simply an arbitrary amount, is immaterial."

"Employers are fully privileged," Collector Rogan added, "to absorb their employees' share of these taxes."

At Beaumont Monday afternoon an inquest was held into the death of Miss Hazel Samuelson, Long Beach, who was victim of an automobile accident on the Riverside-Beaumont highway Saturday night. An open verdict was rendered by the jury at Emerson's funeral chapel, following the hearing conducted by Coroner White. Dr. Carl H. Gans of Long Beach, other occupant of the wrecked car, sustained severe shock and a fractured arm in the accident.

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World Champion Cowboy Enters Coming Rodeo

America's outstanding winter western rodeo to be held at the Palm Springs Field Club on January 29th and 30th takes on more thrilling color with the entry of Everett Bowman, 1937 champion all-around cowboy of the world. Bowman, who hails from the bronc bustin' district of Hillsdale, Arizona, has notified directors of the Second Annual Palm Springs Rodeo that he will compete for honors in the big event here.

Lester Vance and Andy Jaurigue, directors of the big western event which is one of the highlights of the Palm Springs season, are busy making preparations and receiving entries.

The entry list is bedecked with more famous cowboys than ever because of the increase in the purse for prizes this year. The Palm Springs Rodeo group is associated with the Rodeo Association of America.

Spectators who enjoyed the thrills of the rodeo last year will see more action than ever with fifty head of Brahma steers coming to Palm Springs to display their most vicious manner of swinging their hurricane decks to unloose their cargo of yipping bucaros. A complete program of rodeo events will feature the two days of western cowboy competition.

Posters will be sent out to dude ranches and hotels and other places within the next few days announcing the big Palm Springs Rodeo which ranks with the Pendleton, Oregon and Cheyenne, Wyoming Round-Ups. Winning cowboys from those shows will be here.

Publicity is being sent to all parts of the country in advance of the event.

VARIETY IN COLORS SHOWN ON LICENSE PLATES NEXT YEAR

License plates like women's fashions undergo considerable changes from year to year, and 1938 is not to be an exception. The color parade of new license plates reveals that 35 states have adopted entirely new color schemes, according to the Automobile Club of Southern California.

California is among the states to present a new color effect, substituting yellow in place of the familiar orange. Aluminum is growing in popularity since its first appearance only a few years ago and 1938 will find it on the license plates of eight states and three Canadian provinces.

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Meet Your Son

By ERNEST ANDREW ROGERS

National Child Welfare Authority; President, Montezuma School for Boys

Stubbornness is caused by an inborn urge to oppose authority—to resist the rules.

The inclination may spring from a number of sources. Your boy—if he's stubborn—may be nursing a sense of injury. He may feel he has been wronged or thwarted in some way that looms large and important to him. Some early experience may have given him a wrong understanding of the reasons for some of the rules by which he's expected to abide. Or he may have a faulty conception—though a completely serious one—not only of the general scheme of things, but of his relative position to that of his parents, teachers and others in authority.

Any "blockades" of that kind need careful analysis and special consideration. But the best means of counteracting ordinary stubbornness is a very simple one.

Give your boy things he can do with his hands; things which involve both time and patience, and which require the solving of some particular problem. Being busy, somehow, seems to help a youngster and to prepare the way for open-mindedness.

I once sent a stubborn boy out to plough. He came back buoyant and happy, and told me how well he had managed the horses. I pointed out the need to handle his own horses—his stubbornness. The lad was intrigued by the simile. "I understand that," he said. And he did—because of the ploughing experience.

One boy I recall was so stubborn he would never do anything I asked him to do, directly. Once he sat like a clam and refused to open his mouth for hours. Knowing he was interested in the out-of-doors, I finally persuaded him to build a duck refuge, for we had ducks on the lake. I even developed an interest in duck refuges myself. When we got to working together on the project, I was able to talk it out with him.

A certain kind of stubbornness, I pointed out, was commendable—the kind that makes one stick to his principles—the kind which enables one to finish any job he undertakes. That sort of stubbornness, I expressed on him, is all too rare, while ordinary perverseness and obstinacy is all too common. The youngster, working with his own hands at a hard job, thinking, and talking it out, finally reached the

CONTRACT IS LET FOR PRISON PLAN

The contract to design El Rincon prison near Chino has been formally awarded to Walker & Eisen, Los Angeles architects, it was announced by the state prison board.

Walker & Eisen was announced some time ago as the firm selected to draft plans for the new prison for first offenders.

Payment of \$10,000 for a preliminary survey, plus 8 per cent of the \$3,300,000 cost of the project, exclusive of land and equipment, is provided in the contract.

Construction will be delayed pending acquisition by the state of the 1,300-acre site through condemnation proceedings.

The new prison will accommodate 1,150 inmates, principally those amenable to reformatory treatment, and will provide proper segregation and complete facilities to train them in vocations.

Plans for summer ski-jumping on 400-acre Treasure Island are being formulated by the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.

IT MUST MEAN SOMETHING

It ought to be of some significance that, after fifteen years of radio, the biggest hit of the air is a ventriloquist's dummy.—Chattanooga Times.

Public Stenographer — Helen McEwen, Desert Sun Office, Phone 3594.

conclusion that if he had the ability to stick with a thing in which he truly believed, he had better use it wisely and push himself ahead, instead of allowing unreasonable obstinacy to drag him behind the procession.

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Sun Strokes

(By The Desert Commentator)

The discovery of clippings from Durling's column tucked in a two weeks old magazine brings to mind the fact that he was practically accused of attempting murder of the village by typewriter. Curbstone criticism, which boiled nicely during his visit here, has completely simmered away. And like those copies of the Times it has been forgotten.

Still, Durling was generous in his columns. He gave generously of credit where he felt credit was due. Of discredit, too, he also gave generously. Confronted with mild and harmless cynicism, however, the village proved itself unable to meet candour with candour.

It must be remembered that his impressions and reactions were first impressions and reactions. The things he observed were only what every new visitor to Palm Springs observes. What he wrote was what any number of people, given the opportunity, might write.

Durling's critics would do well to forget first impressions of ten or five or fifteen years ago and seek a fresh viewpoint. They might discover that, slightly blinded by the past and the future, they are failing to apply frank attention to the present.

Recently published in one of the village weeklies was a letter which among other things applied the terms "slum area" and "shanty-town" to the Indian Reservation. The merit of these terms is open to some argument. They may be excellent description or poor metaphor, depending, of course, wholly on where you happen to reside.

The reservation fills an important local need. To the laborers, the craftsmen, the clerks, the drivers it gives a place to live. And they live there because it is hard for a working man to buy real estate at prices aimed to the pocketbooks of the people he is working for.

On the reservation the working man put up his home. Out of inexpensive materials he began the building of "shanty-town." Over a period of years he finally succeeded in developing a "slum area" in one corner of the "Sandbox of Society." (All due apologies and credit.)

He couldn't devote a great deal of time to his own home. He had to piece it together in odd moments when he wasn't busy working on a more pretentious residence a half mile away. He propped his home up on blocks and forgot about a substantial foundation, because, with a thirty-day lease a person doesn't feel exactly like laying a permanent foundation. Besides, he read in the papers that they were planning to do something soon about selling the reservation.

Much as the gas-tank has already done, the problem of the reservation is going to creep up on Palm Springs and result in another general outbreak. Letters will appear by threes and fours in the weeklies. Drug store stools and corner curbs will listen once more to the plaint of an outraged citizenry. But the problem extends so deep that to solve it will take more than a public indignation meeting, a Chamber of Commerce committee and a few 75 foot palm trees.

With a little more foresight and a lot less faith in the ability of time to take care of all things, the Village could have prevented the growth of the "slum area." With foresight and the willingness to face, and not run from, a problem, the village can eliminate it. To do so will demand some unselfish planning and a radical change in attitude. Anyway, it is a worthwhile matter to be thinking about.

The desert will always be a land of sharp contrasts. And because it has always been primarily a village of the desert, Palm Springs produces its own peculiar contrasts. To a certain degree they arise even from the Christmas season.

From El Mirador to Smoke Tree, tall, brilliantly illuminated trees stand before hotels, courts, apartments and private residences. Village shop windows are festooned with all of the gay decorations of the holiday. At every hand is some glittering manifestation of the Christmas spirit.

For the contrasts one must step across Indian avenue and enter the Reservation. Not so much tinsel and flashing color, but here and there in modest little homes smaller trees are just as thoughtfully decorated. They are banked, some high and some low, with presents waiting Christmas day. In other homes there are no trees and fewer presents. In still others—nothing.

Yet the true essence of Christmas respects neither person nor home. Subtly, it seeks its way into our lives during these days. We feel suddenly generous. We pause. We attempt to grasp the meaning of a thing which is so much greater than ourselves. Then we wonder if there

Desert Sun Beams

Things enjoyed recently: Bill Lewin's antics in El Mirador pool last Sunday. Particularly, the English Channel chop stick stroke and the Hollywood hair stroke for boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack South, of San Mateo, were the guests of Mrs. Lillie C. Goff, for a few days.

Saw "Andy" Charles Correll in a quandry over a light cord at the Thrifty on Saturday. But he obligingly gave his autograph to the girl that discovered him on the street, as he went outside.

Both Frank Bartholomay, Jr., from Chicago and Phillip Bartholomay, who attends the Santa Barbara School for Boys, arrived in town last week to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bartholomay, in Tahquitz Desert Estates.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Binyon have returned from Hollywood to their Palm Springs home. Mr. Binyon is the well known scenarist, having written such well known hits as "Valiant Is the Word for Carrie," and "I Met Her in Paris."

Isn't something we can do for someone.

If I could write a letter to Santa Claus and be reasonably sure of an answer, I would ask him to bring a sled full of presents to those boys I saw the other day. With a cardboard box for a football, they were playing the game on a very sandy gridiron. Or, I would ask him to pay particular attention to the Mexican and Indian girls who were on the Desert Inn meadow last Sunday. Given some ornaments, they planned how they could each contribute and buy a tree. Given a tree, their spontaneous expression of gratitude seemed boundless. Too, there was that lone youngster who stared so long into Lykken's window.

But these children will not be disappointed on Christmas day. As in past years, this year the Friendly Aid and the churches are insuring a Christmas for each Palm Springs child. More surely and completely, too, than that letter to Santa Claus.

Benefit For Diving Queen Is Success

Said by spectators to be one of the most interesting events of the season was the benefit show held on Sunday at El Mirador pool for America's diving queen, Georgia Coleman, who is confined to her bed in Los Angeles. The large turn-out and cooperation of Palm Springs people showed how much the village appreciated the many times Georgia came to Palm Springs to give exhibitions for various events.

The Palm Springs Engraving Co. donated the news cuts for the local newspapers which were generous in their write-ups of the occasion.

The crowd was greatly thrilled by the diving of "Dutch" Smith, Farid Samaika, Bill Lewin and Mickey Riley, who did some very spectacular double dives that had never before been seen here. The crowd especially enjoyed the fine comedy diving of Bill Lewin, who is said to be one of the greatest comedy divers in the world.

Al Kay from McDonald Stables gave a fine exhibition of trick roping. Johnny Gardner, also from McDonald Stables, sang a Mexican song; Jim Donaldson of the Desert Inn, sang a song of his own composition; Buster, Bill and Joe from the Rogers Stables played an old-time hoe-down; beautiful little Indian girl, Whiteflower, played the "Indian Love Call" on her squash box and Ted Kidwell rendered "Old Faithful" with his guitar accompaniment.

A large sum of money was raised from the event and will be sent to Georgia as a Christmas greeting with the hope it will help to make her Christmas brighter.

Albert Fisher, noted sportsman, was in Palm Springs on business over the week-end. He and "Peanuts" Shelton, clever young cowboy entertainers at Bill-Al's renewed their acquaintance and "Peanuts" decided to take the day off, and ride back to town with him in an airplane to talk things over.

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Gymkhana

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race. First race for dudes and second for cowboys. The winner in each class will receive 10 points and \$2.50 prize money. A stop-watch will be held on each winner and the fastest time made in all the heats will be winner of the event.

Sixth event, a hitch-hiker race for cowboys only with \$2.50 prize money. In this event the cowboy will ride 50 yards on a horse, pick up the hitch-hiker cowboy in front of the grand stand and carry him another 50 yards to the finish line. The hitch-hiker will be confined to a certain area and must be picked up within this area.

The seventh event will be a cowboy package race with \$2.50 first prize money and 10 points for first only. The instructions for this event will be given by the judge and will probably be a race in which the cowboy rides to a given point, gets off his horse, opens a package and puts on pink bloomers and a red nightgown, picks

up an umbrella and rides back to the finish line.

Eighth event will be a bedroll race. The first prize will be \$4.00 split between the two entrants of the same team, and 20 points split between the two entrants of the same team. In this race the cowboys bring a pack horse with pack saddle fully packed with cowboy bed roll. There will be two saddle horses and two cowboys in bed with their hats and boots off and pack unpacked. They will then get up and dress, pack and saddle horses and ride to the finish line.

The ninth event will be a calf roping contest for Palm Springs cowboys only. Prize money will be \$5.00 plus \$2.50 entrance fee added, and the purse will be split 60-40 with 15 points for the first place and 10 points for second.

After the local roping there will be a jack pot calf roping contest open to everyone. All entrants must have their entrance fees and entries in by December 25th at 7 p. m. at Rogers' Stables. No entry will be taken after this time under any circumstance.

The show will begin promptly at

2:30 p. m. Admission will be \$1.10 for box seats and 55c general admission. Frank Bogert will be the announcer, Shorty Johnson will be the time-keeper; Tex Miller, flagman; Jap Edmunds and Mark Cantrell, starters. Travis Rogers is in complete charge of all entrants and events.

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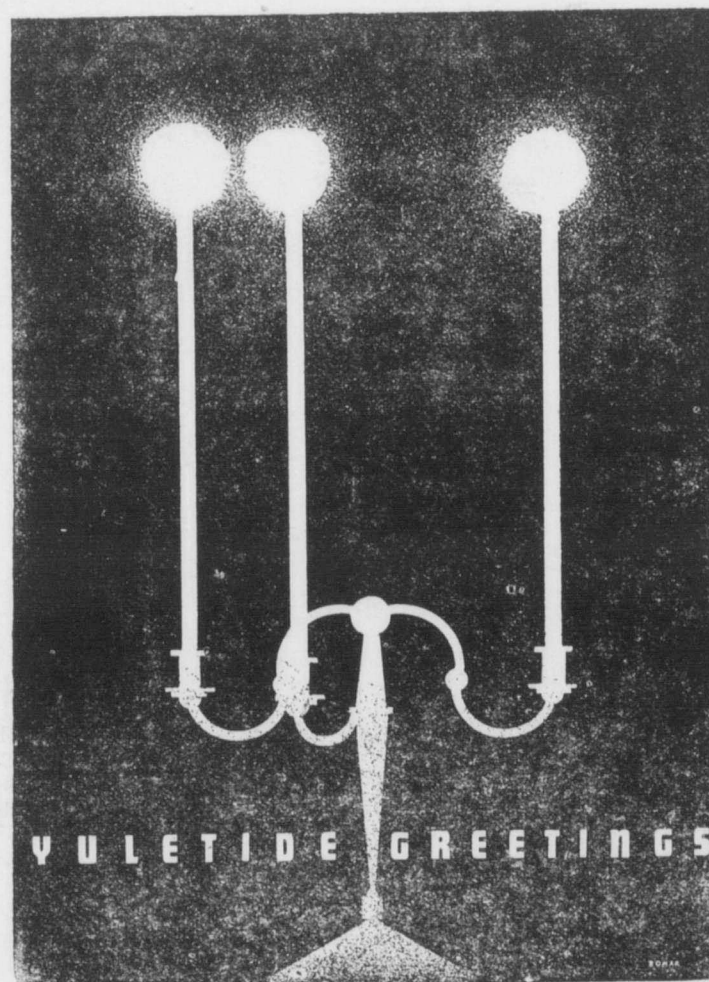
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